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*Annual Report*

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**Municipal Officers**

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**TOWN OF**

**SEARSPORT**

**MAINE**

**FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**1953**





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### Town of **SEARSPORT, MAINE**



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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### Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

VICTOR N. GREENE                      CLAIR S. SHUTE  
CHARLES C. HAVENER

### Superintending School Committee

DAVID STONE                      LEOREN CLEMENTS  
HELEN FLETCHER

### Superintendent of Schools

BERNARD PIERCE

### Tax Collector

RUBY D. WOOD

### Town Clerk

MAURICE FLETCHER

### Town Treasurer

CARL ROBBINS

### Auditor

W. C. WHEELER

### Fire Chief

ALTON H. JACKSON

### Constable

ALFRED ASHEY

### Sealer of Weights and Measures

ALTON L. JOHNSON, JR.

### Health Officer

ALFRED ASHEY



# TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

	Valuation		
	R. Estate	P. Estate	Total
Resident.....	457,335.00	39,800.00	497,135.00
Non-resident.....	540,712.00	232,696.00	773,408.00
Total Valuation.....			1,270,543.00
Tax Rate—\$84.00			
per \$1,000.00 .....	106,725.61		
343 Polls at \$3.00 .....	1,029.00		
Supplemental Tax.....	335.26		108,089.87
Less (Variance) .....			.01
Total Commitment.....			108,089.86

## Appropriations

High School.....	9,600.00
Elementary Schools.....	27,000.00
Superintendence.....	850.00
General School Account.....	2,700.00
Carver Memorial Library.....	600.00
General Government.....	7,500.00
Town Poor.....	4,000.00
Hydrant Rental.....	2,650.00
Town Roads.....	8,000.00
Cutting Bushes.....	500.00
Snow Removal.....	2,500.00
Fire Department.....	2,500.00
Sewer Maintenance.....	500.00
Memorial Day.....	100.00

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Street Lights.....	1,400.00
Sidewalks.....	100.00
Health Nurse.....	85.00
Mosman Park.....	300.00
Police.....	2,500.00
Union Hall.....	800.00
A. D. C.....	1,200.00
Publicity.....	50.00
State Aid Construction.....	1,596.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	1,000.00
Christmas Tree.....	50.00
Bond Issue.....	4,000.00
Bond Interest.....	360.00

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Total Direct Appropriation.....	82,441.00
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Assessed for State Tax.....	10,900.12
Assessed for County Tax.....	8,341.65
Town of Searsport Dist. Warrant	13,500.00
Assessed for Overlay.....	3,471.95
Supplemental Tax.....	335.26

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	118,989.98
Less State Property Tax.....	10,900.12
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Commitment.....	108,089.86

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
 CLAIR S. SHUTE  
 CHARLES C. HAVENER

Assessors of Searsport

72 441.00  
 10 900.12  
 8 341.65  
 13 500.00  
 3 471.95  
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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 10, 1954

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Searsport  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request we have examined the general accounting records of the Town of Searsport, Maine for the year ending January 30, 1954. We have directly examined the records of the Town clerk affecting accounting procedure and the administration of the Town. Our examination at this time did not include a detail of the transactions in each individual trust fund; such funds are not intermingled with the general accounts and are managed as a separate entity. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances; in addition thereto we have reconciled bank clearances and traced in detail the treasurer's transactions.

We are submitting herewith a comparative general fund balance sheet based upon our examination which must be considered subject to such possible, but unlikely changes that would result from the routine verification, by correspondence, that is a normal part of audit procedure. Such verification does not pertain to cash which has already been proven by bank certifications.

**Certificate**

Based upon our examination, and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheet properly presents the financial condition of the town as of January 30, 1954 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. C. WHEELER  
Public Accountant

## EXHIBIT A

## COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

## Resources

Sch.		Jan. 30, '54	Jan. 31, '53
1.	Cash.....	24,593.35	17,937.30
2.	Tax Receivables.....	4,435.82	4,331.35
3.	Tax Mortgage Liens.....	356.90	100.80
4.	Foreclosed Tax Mortgages.....	3,440.36	3,447.34
5.	Accounts Receivable.....	307.99	63.91
6.	Capital Reserve Investment.....	6,315.66	5,315.66
	Total Resources.....	39,450.08	31,196.36

## Obligations, Reserves and Surplus

7.	Accounts Payable.....	96.47	848.48
8.	Bonds Payable.....	16,000.00	20,000.00
9.	Capital Reserve.....	6,315.66	5,315.66
	Tax Abatement Reserve.....	56.43	325.09
	Accrued Employee Funds.....	518.20	460.99
Ex D	Continuing Balance.....	*277.01	1,391.22
Ex E	Unappropriated Surplus.....	16,740.33	2,854.92
		39,450.08	31,196.36

\*Deonotes deduction.

Complete report of Audit will be on file in the office of the Selectmen.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

The increase in the commitment causing an increase in the commission of the tax collector resulted in an overdraft in the General Government Account.

Our town auditor has suggested that an appropriation for social security expense be made and an article to that effect has been place in the warrant.

The cost of fires has been relatively small this year and this resulted in a balance to that account.

We suggest that the balance of the Civilian Defense Account be continued for next year.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT****Receipts**

Appropriation.....	7,500.00	
Received from other sources.....	312.28	
Other credits.....	106.30	
Total Available.....		7,927.58

**Expenditures****Salaries:**

V. N. Greene, 1st Selectman.....	500.00
Clair S. Shute, 2nd Selectman.....	350.00
Charles C. Havener, 3rd Selectman	500.00
Carl B. Robbins, Treasurer.....	500.00
Maurice H. Fletcher.....	150.00
Ruby D. Wood, Tax Collector .....	2,257.21
Victor N. Greene, Assessor .....	75.00
Clair S. Shute, Assessor.....	75.00
Charles C. Havener, Assessor .....	75.00
David Stone, School Committee.....	100.00
Helen Fletcher, School Committee.....	100.00
Leoren Clements, School Committee....	100.00



Alfred Ashey, Health Officer.....	100.00
Alfred Ashey, Truant Officer.....	100.00
Alfred Ashey, Special Police .....	16.00
Alfred Ashey, Posting Warrants.....	8.00
Daniel C. Rich, Special Police.....	16.00
Lindley Small, Special Police.....	29.50

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 5,101.71

## Janitor, Lights and Telephone:

William Hamilton.....	156.00
Central Maine Power Co. ....	51.63
New England Tel. & Tel.....	157.25

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 364.88

## Fuel:

Gulf Oil Corp.....	71.87
Knox Bros.....	96.09

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 167.96

## Officer's Bonds and Insurance:

B. F. Colcord Insurance Agency.....	548.40
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## Supplies:

W. & L. E. Gurley.....	8.78
Marks Printing House.....	96.24
Bangor Office Supply.....	3.02
H. M. Clements. ....	10.50
Kelley Press.....	364.86
W. C. Wheeler.....	16.38
Grace Harriman.....	5.16
Keelox Mfg. Co.....	.67
Maurice Fletcher.....	18.53

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 524.14

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## Incidentals:

Payroll.....	43.30	
J. H. Lord.....	3.00	
Maurice Fletcher.....	1.75	
C. B. Robbins.....	29.60	
W. C. Wheeler.....	580.89	
K. M. Greene.....	10.00	
James H. Duncan.....	6.30	
City Drug Store.....	66.52	
Victor N. Greene.....	114.24	
Mary Carr.....	1.00	
Arthur Gould.....	53.10	
C. K. Sawyer.....	10.00	
Knox Bros.....	13.28	
Journal Publishing Co.....	7.50	
Searsport Water Co.....	25.50	
Ruby D. Wood.....	72.80	
Waldo Co. Register of Deeds .....	49.25	
Maine Municipal Association .....	40.00	
Alfred Ashey.....	6.00	
D. C. Rich.....	11.63	
Marks Printing Co.....	12.41	
Grace Harriman.....	30.00	
Register of Probate.....	3.00	
Searsport Hardware.....	5.75	
Fred L. Tower & Co.....	12.85	
Sid's Market.....	.50	
Lewis Pearson.....	22.50	
C. G. Carley.....	45.33	
Richard Crosby & Son.....	34.28	
Merrill Trust Co.....	5.00	
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		1,317.28
Total Expenditures.....		<hr/> 8,024.37
Other Charges.....		86.57
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		8,111.94
Overdraft to Surplus.....		183.46

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## UNION HALL

Appropriation.....	800.00	
Receipts.....	43.00	
Total Available.....		843.00
Expenditures:		
William Hamilton.....	104.00	
Central Maine Power Co.....	87.96	
Ralph Closson.....	363.53	
Gulf Oil Corp.....	20.73	
Alfred Ashey.....	20.00	
Leslie Closson.....	14.00	
C. G. Carley.....	13.18	
Payroll.....	53.08	
Knox Bros.....	47.93	
Searsport Hardware Co.....	2.29	
Albert Kinney.....	34.50	
Sid's Market.....	5.36	
Arthur Gould.....	2.25	
Dennis Beckett.....	6.00	
Total Expenditures.....		774.81
Balance to Surplus.....		68.19

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation.....	2,500.00	
Receipts from burning grass.....	70.00	
Town of Stockton.....	72.00	
State Treasurer.....	16.63	
Total Available.....		2,658.63



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## Expenditures:

Andrews Garage.....	16.95	
Gulf Oil Corp.....	318.01	
C. M. Power Co.....	60.00	
Jackson Service Station.....	99.78	
B. F. Colcord Insurance Co.....	192.00	
Payroll.....	563.97	
Searsport Water District.....	8.50	
Eastern Fire Equipment Co.....	12.78	
Knox Bros.....	7.08	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.....	174.94	
Grants Service Station.....	1.50	
C. G. Carley.....	24.88	
First National Store.....	2.40	
Blanchard Associates.....	92.99	
Barney Hose Co.....	17.25	
Alton Small.....	2.00	
Lloyd Rainey.....	1.50	
Quaker Rubber Corp.....	43.00	
Total Expenditures.....		1,699.53
Balance to Surplus.....		959.10

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance January 31, 1953 .....		375.20
Expenditures:		
Joan Verrill.....	17.25	
Sigrid E. Hansen.....	3.00	
Col. M. Potter.....	5.00	
Kelley Press.....	29.87	
Signs.....	26.50	
Total Expenditure.....		81.62
Balance Carried Forward.....		293.58

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## SEWER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....		500.00
Expenditures:		
Payroll.....	190.33	
Diamond Match Co.....	64.38	
Bancroft & Martin.....	195.43	
Allan Mollison.....	15.35	
Knox Bros.....	11.50	
State Sand & Gravel.....	102.00	
Andrews Garage.....	12.00	
Searsport Drug Co.....	117.55	
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Total Expenditures.....		708.54
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		208.54

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Balance January 31, 1953.....		175.00
Appropriation.....		2,500.00
Waldo County.....		102.10
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Total Available.....		2,777.10
F. L. Whitcomb.....	2,500.00	
F. L. Whitcomb, Mileage.....	63.50	
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Total Expenditures.....		2,563.50
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Balance.....		213.60

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation.....		1,400.00
Paid C. M. Power Co.....		1,315.09
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Balance to Surplus.....		84.91

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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### HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation.....	2,650.00
Paid Searsport Water District.....	2,637.50
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Balance to Surplus .....	12.50

### MOSMAN PARK

Appropriation.....		300.00
Expenditures:...		
Payroll.....	126.04	
B. F. Colcord Insurance.....	25.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		151.04
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Balance to Surplus.....		148.96

### TOWN GARAGE

#### Expenditures:

Knox Bros.....	52.46	
Milton B. Hills.....	68.88	
Searsport Hardware.....	6.61	
Payroll.....	173.34	
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Total Expenditures.....		301.29

### BOND ISSUE

Appropriation.....	4,000.00
Paid.....	4,000.00

### BOND INTEREST

Appropriation.....	360.00
Paid.....	360.00



## TOWN OF SEARSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

School District Warrant.....	13,500.00
Paid to Town of Searsport School District.....	13,500.00

## WORLD WAR I AND II MEMORIAL

Balance of January 31, 1953.....	5,315.66
Appropriation .....	1,000.00
Total.....	6,315.66

## CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation.....	600.00
State Stipend.....	40.00
Total Available.....	640.0
Paid Library Association.....	640.00

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation.....	100.00
Expenditures:	
Payroll.....	28.32
Knox Bros.....	5.61
Arthur Stantial.....	19.69
Searsport Drug Co.....	35.00
Ivory Frazier.....	15.00
Total Expenditures.....	103.62
Overdraft to Surplus.....	3.62

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation.....	85.00
Paid State of Maine.....	85.00

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## PUBLICITY

Appropriation.....	50.00
Paid Maine Publicity Bureau.....	50.00

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Appropriation.....	50.00
Hannaford Bros.....	22.39
Fox & Ginn.....	3.76
Portland Candy Co.....	23.40
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Total Expenditures.....	49.55
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Balance to Surplus.....	.45

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Balance January 31, 1953.....	262.44
Appropriation.....	27,000.00
Received from James Mitchell (Tuition).....	72.00
Received from Eugene Johnson (Tuition).....	30.00
State School Fund.....	6,350.50
Received from Allyn & Bacon Inc.,	22.23
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Total Available.....	33,737.17
Expenditures:	
Payroll.....	33,504.59
Other Charges.....	447.52
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Total Charges.....	33,952.11
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Overdraft carried forward. ...	214.94

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Balance January 31, 1953.....	692.31
Appropriation.....	9,600.00
Received from Grace Harriman .....	1.50
Natalie Kelley.....	18.00
Town of Frankfort.....	203.39
Lucelle Savage.....	63.60
State School Fund.....	3,870.00
M. S. Treasurer.....	16.50
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Total Available.....	14,465.30

## Expenditures:

Payrolls.....	14,070.34	
Other Charges.....	142.51	
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Total Charges.....		14,212.85
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Balance Carried forward.....		252.45

## GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation.....		2,700.00
Received from B. F. Colcord, Ins. ....		52.56
Other Credits.....		590.03
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Total Available.....		3,342.59
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Overdraft, January 31, 1953.....	463.32	
Payroll.....	3,487.37	
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Total Charge.....		3,950.69
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Overdraft.....		608.10



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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Balance January 31, 1953 .....	13.15	
Appropriation .....	850.00	
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Total Available .....	863.15	
Expenditures:		
Payroll .....	1,028.28	
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		1,028.28
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Overdraft .....		165.13

VICTOR N. GREENE

CLAIR SHUTE

CHARLES C. HAVENER

Selectmen of Searsport

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Extensive work on the bulkhead at Cottage Street was needed last summer. The old log culvert was replaced with a large metal one. We have tried wherever possible to lead water away from the roads, by means of ditching and the use of culverts. Several culverts need to be replaced on the Fowler road this summer.

State Aid money last year was used to tar the Old Station Road and another section of Mt. Ephraim Road. No reconstruction work was done.

The Old County Road was ditched and surfaced with the town road improvement money from the state. This road has for the past few years been a source of expense to the town, due to the washouts. This situation seems now to be eliminated to a great extent.

The tractor now about 15 years old seems to need extensive repairs each year, and we question the advisability of continuing much longer with them.

TOWN ROADS

Appropriation.....		8,000.00
Other receipts.....		51.11
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Total Available.....		8,051.11
Payroll Labor.....	2,732.53	
Payroll Trucks.....	1,386.05	
Supplies:		
Grant's Service Station.....	248.42	
Jackson's Service Station.....	3.02	
Clyde Nickerson, Gravel.....	35.00	
Garland Company.....	31.63	

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Bangor & Aroostook R. R. ....	4.60	
Knox Bros.....	29.82	
Bancroft & Martin.....	1,006.73	
Searsport Hardware Co.....	5.93	
Eastern Tractor & Equip. Co.....	3.92	
Lane Construction Co.....	84.00	
N. H. Bragg & Sons.....	109.36	
Andrew's Garage.....	24.14	
W. H. Shurtleff Co.....	187.75	
Fox & Ginn.....	4.50	
David Eberson.....	15.66	
Diamond Match Co.....	9.81	
Roger Harriman.....	92.00	
Central Maine Power Co. ....	1.10	
State Treasurer.....	1,445.29	
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Total Expenditures.....		7,461.26
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Balance to Surplus.....		589.85

## TRACTOR

Receipts, Hire of Tractor.....		68.50
Expenditures:		
Southworth Machine Co.....	713.95	
Payroll.....	3.05	
Knox Bros.....	1.68	
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Total Expenditures.....		718.68
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		650.18

## ANNUAL REPORT

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Received from State.....		2,442.66
Expenditures:		
Payroll.....	2,377.32	
Bancroft & Martin.....	75.34	
Gravel.....	218.90	
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Total Expenditures.....		2,671.56
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		228.90

## STATE AID ROADS

Appropriation .....	1,596.00
Received from State Treasurer.....	720.28
Total Available.....	2,316.28
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Paid State Treasurer.....	2,316.28

## CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation .....	500.00
Expenditures:	
Payroll.....	216.78
Eugene Otis.....	5.25
Melvin Colcord.....	60.75
The Oliver Store.....	5.80
C. A. Paul.....	3.42
Searsport Hardware Co. . . . .	12.16
Andrew's Garage.....	15.78
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Total Expenditures.....	319.94
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Balance to Surplus.....	180.06



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SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation .....	2,500.00
Received from State.....	396.27
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Total Available.....	2,896.27

Expenditures:

Payroll.....	1,289.54	
Leon Webster.....	10.80	
Fox & Ginn.....	1.75	
Payroll, Snow Fences.....	121.17	
State Treasurer.....	250.40	
Andrews' Garage.....	83.20	
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Total Expenditures.....		1,756.86
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Balance to Surplus.....		1,139.41

SIDEWALKS

Appropriation .....		100.00
Expenditures.....	6.96	
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Balance to Surplus.....		93.04

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
CLAIR SHUTE  
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Road Commissioners

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The largest item of expense in the Poor Accounts are those for hospital, medical and convalescent patients. An attempt is being made to reduce the cost to the town of those who are in convalescent homes.

## TOWN POOR

Appropriation.....	4,000.00
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**Refund from:**

Case No. 7.....	6.00
Case No. 8.....	90.00
Case No. 14.....	75.00
Case No. 2.....	80.35
Case No. 1.....	13.00
John Stairs.....	17.93
U. S. Government.....	75.00

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357.28

Total Available.....	4,357.28
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**Expenditures:****Case No. 1**

Colburn Shoe Store.....	3.50
Sid's Market.....	26.86
Taylor's Market.....	4.25
Berry's Taxi.....	3.00
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	11.00
Dr. J. H. Caswell.....	5.00
Dr. A. O. Stein.....	6.01
Sec. of State.....	2.00
Leslie Closson.....	13.00

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74.62

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## John Stairs:

Taylor's Market.....	241.62
Searsport Drug Company .....	18.26
Knox Bros.....	106.41
C. M. Power Co.....	16.48
Clements & Adams.....	16.04
R. L. Torrey.....	12.00
Searsport Water Co.....	14.28
Berry's Taxi.....	25.00
N. E. Baptist Hospital.....	29.06

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479.15

## Case No. 2

Sid's Market.....	253.62
Berry's Taxi.....	8.00
Waldo County Hospital.....	394.65
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	119.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	49.83
Clements & Adams.....	17.04
Mass. General Hospital.....	300.00
Mrs. Edwin Cross.....	245.00
Youngs' Funeral Home.....	100.00

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1,487.14

## Case No. 3

A. O. Stein.....	229.00
City Drug Store.....	193.04
Waldo County Hospital.....	329.50
Coombs' Funeral Home.....	6.00
George L. Temple.....	3.00

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760.54

**Case No. 4**

Dr. J. J. Sinnett.....	304.00
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	5.00

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 309.00
**Andrew Palmer**

Meister convalescent Home .....	840.50
Dr. Jewell.....	51.50

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 892.00
**Case No. 5**

City of Belfast... .	53.00
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**Case No. 6**

Taylor's Market.....	60.00
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**Case No. 7**

Amy Littlefield.....	130.00
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**Case No. 8**

Taylor's Market.....	10.72
Sid's Market. ....	227.01
Searsport Drug Co.....	22.09

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 259.82
**Case No. 9**

Searsport Drug Co.....	16.00
Sid's Market.....	6.00

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 22.00



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## Case No. 10

Sid's Market.....	15.07
Youngs Funeral Home.....	101.38
Eastern Maine General.....	131.25

247.70

## Raymond B. Davis

State Treasurer.....	27.14
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## Case No. 11

Town of Prospect.....	56.98
Randall Eames .....	47.25

104.23

## Case No. 12

City of Rockland.....	14.00
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## Case No. 13

Town of Burnham.....	40.00
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## Case No. 14

Berry's Taxi.....	48.00
Sid's Market.....	18.22
Clements & Adams.....	5.58
Eastern Maine General Hospital .....	30.00
R. L. Torrey.....	52.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	1.60

155.40

## Case No. 15

Sid's Market.....	5.06
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**Case No. 16**

Mrs. Edwin Cross.....	180.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	9.00
Knox Bros.....	3.50

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 192.50
**Case No. 17**

Town of Camden.....	182.97
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**Case No. 18**

Town of Mechanic Falls.....	5.00
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**Case No. 19**

Waldo County Gen. Hospital .....	39.50
Taylor's Market.....	19.12

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 58.62
**Lillian Moody:**

Sid's Market.....	26.23
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**Incidentals:**

City Drug Store.....	6.14
Total Expenditures.....	5,592.26

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 Overdraft to Surplus..... 1,234.98
**OTHER TOWN POOR**

Received from City of Belfast.....	345.05
Expenditures.....	557.03
Other Charges.....	31.96

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 Total Charges..... 588.99

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 Balance Due..... 243.94

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STATE POOR

Received from State Treasurer.....	15.00
Expenditures.....	50.90
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Balance Due from State.....	35.90

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Balance January 31, 1953.....	346.44
Appropriation.....	1,200.00
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Total Available .....	1,546.44
Paid State Treasurer.....	1,335.57
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Balance to Surplus.....	210.87

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
CLAIR S. SHUTE  
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Overseers of the Poor

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

## List of Fires and Cost Attended by

Barney Hose Co. - Dec. 13, 1952 to Dec. 5, 1953

## 1952

Dec. 13	John Grindle	Chimney	14.00
Dec. 13	Kenneth Fraser	Chimney	15.00
Dec. 27	Kenneth Kenney	Truck	14.00

## 1953

Jan. 13	Florence Billings	Chimney	23.00
Jan. 14	Bakery Truck		6.00
Jan. 17	Alden Stinson	Chimney	4.00
Feb. 3	Elander Grant	Chimney	11.00
Feb. 10	Austin Homer	Chimney	6.00
Feb. 21	George Washburn	Chimney	13.00
Feb. 24	Joseph Lapointe	Grass	16.00
Feb. 25	Joseph Morgan	Grass	10.00
Mar. 2	Kenneth Kinney	Chimney	7.00
Mar. 4	Florence Billings	Chimney	7.00
Mar. 7	Kenneth Kinney	Chimney	10.00
Apr. 4	Edward Roberts	Grass	8.00
Apr. 10	Prospect St.	Grass	19.00
Apr. 12	College Inn	Grass	13.00
	Burning grass at property owner's expense		47.00
May 4	Black Rd.	Grass	5.00
May 24	Lester Berry	Woods	28.00
May 24	Donald Wallings	Poultry House	28.00
June 3	Stockton Springs	Woods	42.00
July 3	Raymond Todd	Grass	7.00
July 3	Town Dump		10.00



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July 9	Isabelle Small	Chimney	10.00
Aug. 10	George Wedell	Cottage	15.00
Oct. 13	Joseph Richardson	Chimney	12.00
Oct. 25	Ruth Seekins	Chimney	13.00
Nov. 30	Lawrence Hamilton	Chimney	13.00
	Building Inspection		24.00

Total Cost

450.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON H. JACKSON

Fire Chief

### REPORT OF TREASURER

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Cash on hand in Merrill Trust Co.

February 1, 1953 .....	17,937.30
Temporary Loan in anticipation of Taxes, Merrill Trust Co.....	10,000.00

Ruby D. Wood, Tax Collector:

1953 Town Tax.....	103,020.68
1952 Town Tax.....	2,595.32
1951 Town Tax.....	118.01
1950 Town Tax.....	3.00
1949 Town Tax.....	37.40
1948 Town Tax.....	5.59
1953 Excise Tax.....	4,532.40
1954 Excise Tax.....	1,197.36

Treasurer of the United States:

Town Poor Account.....	75.00
High School Account.....	16.50

Treasurer State of Maine:

Highway Dept.....	1,116.55
Fire Dept.....	16.63
Bank Stock Tax.....	125.85
Library Stipend.....	40.00
Town Road Improvement.....	2,442.66
Schools' Subsidy.....	10,220.50
Dog License refund.....	28.16
1953 R. R. & Tel. Tax refund.....	66.97

Other receipts:

1951 Tax Liens.....	79.20
Cost of Liens.....	8.30
Interest.....	4.56

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1952 Tax Liens.....	641.00	
Cost of Liens.....	37.28	
Interest.....	1.27	
Sale of town property.....	883.08	
Withholding tax receipts.....	4,076.71	
Social Security receipts.....	235.65	
Teachers' Retirement receipts.....	1,372.54	
High School Account.....	315.92	
Elementary School account.....	102.00	
Police Dept.....	102.10	
Fire Dept.....	158.63	
Union Hall account.....	43.00	
Other Town Poor.....	345.05	
Town Poor.....	201.93	
General Government.....	265.75	
Town Tractor Account.....	28.50	
Town Roads.....	36.38	
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Total Receipts.....		162,534.73
Disbursements:		
Selectmen's Warrants No. 1 to 73 .....	137,967.45	
Cash on hand in Merrill Trust Co.		
January 31, 1954.....	24,567.28	
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Total Disbursements.....		162,534.73

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Cash on hand in Merrill Trust Co.	
February 1, 1953 .....	8,458.66
Receipts:	
Interest Village Cemetery Funds .....	308.20
Interest Carver Memorial Library	
Funds.....	178.35

Interest Annie Partridge Funds .....	504.94
Interest Mt. Hope Cemetery Funds....	66.90
Interest Worthy Poor Funds.....	514.03
Interest Elmwood Cemetery Funds	187.81
Interest Barney Hose Co. Funds .....	75.00
Interest Joanna Colcord Fund .....	3.58
Interest Bowditch Cemetery Funds....	91.00
Interest Evergreen Cemetery Funds	180.00
Interest Capital Reserve Funds .....	27.50
Interest Gordon Cemetery Funds.....	114.19
Interest Merrithew Cemetery Fund....	1.32

Trust Funds to be invested

Gordon Cemetery.....	100.00
Elmwood Cemetery.....	100.00
Mt. Hope Cemetery.....	200.00

Total Receipts.....	11,103.31
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Disbursements:

Selectmen's Warrants 1 to 3.....	9,052.35
Cash on hand in Merrill Trust Co. January 31, 1954.....	2,050.96

Total Disbursements.....	11,103.31
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Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. ROBBINS  
Treasurer



## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Committed May 23, 1953.....	107,754.60	
Supplemental Tax Jan. 23, 1954.....	335.26	
		108,089.86
Less:		
Abatements.....	485.93	
Transferred to Town Property .....	539.70	
		1,025.63
Balance of Commitment.....		107,064.23
Collected to Feb. 1, 1954.....	103,020.68	
Collected since Feb. 1, 1954.....	1,088.57	
		104,109.25
Amount uncollected.....		2,954.98

UNCOLLECTED TAXES  
YEAR 1953

Ames, William H.....	34.86
Bissell, Frank.....	3.00
Card, Esther.....	.84
Clements, Henry.....	71.40
Coffin, Mrs. James.....	21.84
Curtis, Myron E.....	23.16
Curtis, Walter & Lena.....	65.52
Dakin, Arthur M.....	21.00
Doliber, Fred, Jr.....	3.00
Elwell, Clyde W.....	65.94
Fowler, S. Gilbert & Esther.....	153.72

Grant, Ernest.....	50.40
Grindle, John E. ....	40.32
George, Evelyn.....	48.32
Halling, Algot & Cathleen.....	53.84
Harriman, Roger.....	135.24
Harvey, Fred, Heirs.....	16.80
Howard, Carl.....	7.20
Hopkins, Clyde.....	8.40
Koch, Carolyn, Heirs.....	54.20
Keenan, Edgar.....	3.00
Lord, Mary.....	135.24
Lord, John H.....	3.00
Lamphier, Stanley.....	25.20
Lloyd, Gordon & Alice.....	25.20
Lockhart, Wallace.....	5.04
MacKenzie, Earle & Winnefred .....	61.74
McLeod, Irving.....	77.28
Martin, Wilfred, & Adele.....	117.24
Merrithew, Benjamin .....	23.64
Merrithew, Royal.....	3.00
Merrithew, Archie.....	72.30
Moody, Walter.....	21.00
Moulton, Harold & Mertie.....	64.68
Moody, Fred.....	3.84
Mason, Fortuno & Daisy Furbush.....	53.25
Morgan, Myrtle V.....	.84
Morgan, Joseph.....	5.88
Pendleton, Maurice, Sr.....	37.50
Palmer, Judson.....	33.60
Rivers, Almon S. & Charlotte.....	3.00
Roberts, Edward F.....	91.14
Roberts, Lester A.....	12.60
Rogers, Charles A., Jr.....	28.56
Rogers, Charles A., Jr. & Ella.....	84.00
Rainey, John.....	3.00
Sambrook, Inez.....	30.24
Seekins, Benjamin.....	3.00

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Seekins, Clyde.....	55.44
Seekins, Eugene.....	24.00
Seekins, Ruth.....	50.40
Smart, Percy.....	13.06
Sylvester, Lionel, Heirs.....	25.20
Sambrook, Leroy.....	3.00
Simpson, Ida.....	16.80
Shute, Kenneth.....	26.04
Stairs, Charles.....	10.08
Smith, Leslie.....	26.04
Seekins, Cecil.....	3.00
Stanley, Catherine.....	55.44
Seekins, Henry.....	21.00
Thompson, Margaret.....	.84
Tozier, Charles.....	20.41
Thompson, M. B.....	3.84
Thompson, Rethel & Irene.....	4.20
Tinney, Leonard.....	12.60
Varney, George.....	10.92
Ward, Mark.....	69.30
White, Fred W.....	21.00
White, Philip.....	10.88
Wood, Maurice.....	4.20
Wojerchowicz, Anna.....	27.30

## NON-RESIDENTS

Berry, Willard, Heirs.....	8.40
Eaton, Marcena.....	33.60
Flanagan, Judson.....	79.80
Gross, Maurice & Edna.....	21.00
Jerome, Nancy.....	16.80
Lenfest, Charles.....	6.30
Moody, Gertrude & Raymond.....	100.80
Nickerson, Robert S.....	31.08
Paulsen, John & Doris.....	46.20

Sandberger, Sidney.....	105.00	
Wood, Paul L.....	84.00	
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Total uncollected.....		2,954.98

## YEAR 1952

Card, Esther.....	.66	
Clements, Henry.....	3.00	
Coffin, Mrs. James.....	.66	
Fowler, S. Gilbert & Esther.....	59.90	
Grindle, John E.....	19.14	
Harvey, Fred, Heirs.....	13.20	
Hopkins, Clyde.....	4.95	
McLeod, Irving.....	4.62	
Merrithew, Benjamin.....	3.96	
Merrithew, Archie.....	3.00	
Rogers, Charles & Ella.....	66.00	
Rogers, Charles A., Jr.....	38.28	
Seekins, Eugene.....	9.50	
Shute, Kenneth.....	8.91	
Smith, Leslie.....	20.46	
Thompson, Margaret.....	.66	
Varney, George.....	8.85	
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Total uncollected.....		265.75

## YEAR 1951

Coffin, Mrs. James.....	1.32	
Clements, Henry.....	7.95	
Hopkins, Clyde.....	4.95	
Merrithew, Benjamin.....	3.96	
Rogers, Charles & Ella.....	37.76	
Sanborn, Ralph.....	3.00	
Varney, George.....	6.60	
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Total uncollected.....		65.54

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YEAR 1950

Clements, Henry.....	12.58	
Merrithew, Benjamin.....	4.08	
Merrithew, Archie.....	3.00	
Rivers, Almon S. & Charlotte.....	16.60	
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Total uncollected.....		36.26

Respectfully submitted,

RUBY D. WOOD  
Tax Collector



## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

## RECORD OF DEATHS

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January 31, 1953	Craig Kenneth Shute
February 3, 1953	Lillian H. Gerrish
February 11, 1953	Velma Clark
February 24, 1953	David A. Mason
April 11, 1953	Andrew Black Berry
May 8, 1953	Clement Lakeman Kimball
May 9, 1953	Linda Jane Colcord
May 11, 1953	Margaret Sargent Parse
May 22, 1953	Marie Elane Pease
May 25, 1953	Lena Olson Gregory
June 2, 1953	Margaret Marion Seekins
June 8, 1953	Sarah Adelaide Partridge
June 26, 1953	Albert H. Libbey
July 2, 1953	Mark Cyrus Ward
August 10, 1953	Florence Park Griffin
September 10, 1953	Emma L. Bachelder
September 16, 1953	Lemuel Hobbs Dickey
September 17, 1953	Fred Arthur Scribner
September 19, 1953	Abbie F. Nichols
September 24, 1953	Orison Avery Brown
September 28, 1953	Raymond Marshall Howard
October 8, 1953	Florence P. Harbutt
October 10, 1953	Albert Mitchell Dawson
October 11, 1953	Eugene Byron Greenlaw
October 26, 1953	Martha Tames Gray
November 1, 1953	William Edward Dawson
November 2, 1953	Clytie May Nickerson
November 6, 1953	Frederick W. Dunham
November 11, 1953	Irene Augusta Clements
December 8, 1953	Jeanette Lee Berry
December 22, 1953	Frederick Frasier Black

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January 26, 1954  
February 4, 1954  
Marriages 26  
Births 31  
Stillbirths 2

James Duncan Irving  
Wilson A. Smith

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. FLETCHER  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### Superintending School Committee

Mr. David Stone	Term Expires March, 1954
Mrs. Helen Fletcher	Term Expires March, 1955
Mr. Leoren Clements	Term Expires March, 1956
Chairman—Mr. David Stone	

### To the school committee, parents and citizens:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following report of conditions in Searsport Public Schools.

Enrollment			
Grade	School	Enrollment	Totals
Sub-Primary	Primary Bldg.	30	
First		30	
Second		35	
Third		30	
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			125
Fourth	Grammar Bldg.	34	
Fifth		34	
Sixth		21	
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			89
Seventh	High School Bldg.	28	
Eighth		35	
Ninth		26	
Tenth		14	
Eleventh		14	
Twelfth		16	
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			133
Total enrollment in all schools			347

Comparative total enrollment figures for the last five years may be of interest:

1950.....	283
1951.....	275
1952.....	297
1953.....	337
1954.....	347

Average enrollment per grade in elementary schools is at present 30 pupils. There are three tuition pupils in the primary grades from Stockton Springs, and one tuition student in the High School from Frankfort.

Within a period of three years, with larger classes coming on, the high school building will have about 180 pupils in attendance.

Last August parents of sub-primary entering children were asked their preference for either an all-day or a half-day session and the vote was very much in favor of a half-day for these young children. After school began and enrollment larger than anticipated, the school committee voted to divide the class into morning and afternoon groups. School officials felt that this arrangement would mean more individual attention. However, there has been additional cost for the noon trip to convey pupils.

### Teachers

At present there are 13 teachers in three schools and also a part-time music teacher. Last fall the committee (on recommendation by the high school principal and superintendent of schools) voted to engage a fourth teacher for the high school and that his services should begin in February, 1954 with the start of a new budget year. A fourth teacher was added to relieve the overload on three other teachers and more especially to reduce the size of classes. Biology and World History had 45 pupils each and an additional teacher made it possible to divide these classes.

Educators agree that no class should be larger than 30 in order to provide the best learning situation.

Following is the list of teachers and salaries paid (1953-54):

Name	Grade	Salary
Miss Butler	Sub-Primary	2,000.00
Mrs. Morgan	1	2,000.00
Mrs. Marshall	2	2,000.00
Mrs. Clements (Principal)	3	2,075.00
Mrs. Hopkins	4	2,000.00
Mrs. Carter (Principal)	5	2,075.00
Mrs. Bowden	6	2,000.00
Mrs. Rivers	7	2,000.00
Mr. Pooler (Coach)	8	2,800.00
Mr. Greene (Principal)	High School	3,500.00
Mrs. McCaslin	High School	2,500.00
Mr. Shanahan	High School	2,500.00
Mr. Grant	High School	2,500.00
Mr. Lewis	(Music)	963.00
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		30,913.00

The teachers' Minimum Wage Law, passed by the last legislature, compels towns to raise teacher salaries to certain levels. This is especially true where a teacher has three years training or more and has had many years of experience. In Searsport this state law compels the committee to raise the salaries of five teachers to the amount of \$300.00 each for the coming year—a total of \$1,500.00 in the elementary school budget. While it may be a strain to pay these additional amounts, Searsport is fortunate to have so many teachers with so much professional training.

Our teachers are continually improving and increasing their professional training. At the present writing, five elementary teachers are enrolled in an extension course given by the University of Maine and seven teachers are taking the Art Workshop which will be held in Searsport beginning February 23.



### New Equipment

**Primary Building:** the committee has purchased 25 new desk and chair units. It is the plan of the committee to acquire a similar number each year until outmoded desks are replaced.

**Grammar Building:** a film strip projector; assistance given to the pupil account in the purchase of a moving picture machine. All three schools now are furnished with projectors. A World Reference Book was bought for the Grammar School.

**High School Building:** an encyclopedia for grades seven and eight; a daylight moving picture screen for the building; a new typewriter and an adding machine for the Commercial Department.

This equipment moves our schools further in the direction of a modern school system and more satisfactory educational tools.

### Repairs

**Primary Building:** the front steps were repaired; part of the foundation in the rear of the building was improved to prevent drainage into the basement; stairs were built in the basement from the floor to a window to provide for escape in case of fire or other possible danger. This last improvement is something parents have requested for some time.

**Grammar Building:** the old, outmoded and inadequate lighting system was replaced with a modern system at a cost of \$700.00; window frames and building trimmings were painted; the cesspool was repaired.

The chief building improvement planned by the school committee for next summer is the installation of a new heating system in the Grammar School Building.

All will agree, I am sure, that it is good common sense to keep buildings in repair.

### Finances

The overdraft in the elementary account is due mainly to the expense of conveying sub-primary children at noon. The overdraft in the general account is due to costs of repairs in the Primary Building. Furthermore, we have been rather generous in the purchase of new equipment.

The school committee recommends the following appropriations:

Elementary School Maint.. . . . .	29,500.00
Secondary School Maint.. . . . .	13,700.00
General Account. . . . .	3,000.00

The increased appropriation request for elementary schools is caused entirely by raises for teachers under the new Minimum Wage Law. The large increase in the high school budget may be explained as follows: \$2,500.00 for a fourth teacher; \$600.00 less in the amount carried forward; two teachers are receiving \$300.00 more than at the time of last years budget; and there are other higher costs.

Rising costs for schools is common to most towns throughout the state and nation and we can hardly hope to escape the general trend. However, it may be said there is a limit to which small towns can go in appropriating money. Furthermore, if the state legislature is forcing a Minimum Wage Law on the towns, it appears logical that more state money should be allocated for educational subsidies.

### Health

For the third year, Searsport children have received sodium fluoride applications for the partial prevention of dental decay plus mouth health education. Efforts of the Parent-Teachers Association and School Board provided the services of a registered dental hygienist during a 15 day period in September 1953 to give these applications to 104 children. Sodium flurode applications, when given at the right ages with the specified technique, usually prevent about one-half the dental decay that ordinarily occurs.

The milk program in our elementary schools is a valuable health aid; and it is hoped that in time it will be possible to have a school lunch program.

### Some Conclusions and Observations

Your school committee has been anxious to see that all grades and classes are supplied with up-to-date texts and that no child shall be without necessary books. Your committee is actively concerned with the selection of a new teacher, when a replacement is needed:

Few towns are blessed with such a friendly feeling for schools and with so much cooperation from parents and citizens.

Your teachers, as I have stated elsewhere, are constantly striving to improve their professional status.

Waldo Pierce, Maine's famous artist and resident of Searsport, has presented each school building with some of his paintings; and we are all very appreciative of his thoughtfulness and interest. These paintings will grace the walls of our school buildings for many generations.

Our schools need more library books: books of biography, travel and nature study-books to enrich the mind and kindle the imagination.

Our schools need instrumental music—a band or an orchestra.

I wish to express my personal gratitude for the kindness and cooperation of Searsport citizens, and I am proud to be associated with the schools of the Town of Searsport.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD B. PIERCE  
Superintendent of Schools

## SEARSPORT SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

## FISCAL YEAR 1953-1954

## Elementary

## Receipts:

Balance, Feb., 1953. . . . .	262.44
State Fund, December, 1953. . . . .	6,350.50
Appropriations, March, 1953. . . . .	27,000.00
Miscellaneous. . . . .	124.23

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 33,737.17

## Expenditures:

Teachers. . . . .	19,849.15
Fuel. . . . .	1,723.43
Janitor & Cleaning. . . . .	3,200.00
Conveyance. . . . .	6,577.55
Tuition. . . . .	30.00
Books. . . . .	1,149.92
Supplies. . . . .	1,043.77
Lights. . . . .	331.79
Water. . . . .	46.50

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 33,952.11

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 Deficit carried forward. . . . . 214.94

## Secondary

## Receipts:

Balance, Feb., 1953. . . . .	692.31
State Fund, Dec., 1953. . . . .	3,870.00
Appropriation, March, 1953 . . . . .	9,600.00
Miscellaneous. . . . .	302.99

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 14,465.30

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## Expenditures:

Teachers.....	8,359.65	
Fuel.....	1,378.00	
Janitor & Cleaning.....	2,225.87	
Books.....	670.84	
Supplies.....	1,135.00	
Lights.....	416.49	
Water.....	27.00	
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		14,212.85
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Balance carried forward.....		252.45

## General Account

### Receipts:

Appropriation, March, 1953.....	2,700.00	
Miscellaneous.....	52.56	
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		2,752.56

### Expenditures:

Elementary repairs.....	1,200.82	
Secondary repairs.....	69.01	
Elementary equipment.....	845.88	
Secondary equipment.....	140.20	
Insurance.....	491.43	
Fluoride treatment.....	150.00	
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Deficit, Feb., 1953.....	463.312	
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		3,360.66
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Deficit carried forward.....		608.10



## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

### To the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintending School Committee:

With the addition of another teacher, the work at the High School is progressing more smoothly and efficiently than ever before. Mr. Grant has taken the two largest classes, World History and Biology, thereby making it possible to divide each of them into two groups of approximately twenty each. He has also taken two classes of English thus making it possible for each teacher to have one 45 minute period without a class. During this period all students who have no class recitation go to that room for study. This removes the necessity of conducting a class with fifteen or twenty pupils studying in the back of the room.

The usual activities are being carried on this year. The Seniors have held their class play and have been earning money by selling candy and soft drinks at the Basketball games.

Work on the preliminary speaking contest is now progressing. Everyone in the school takes part in it.

The local P. T. A. has generously donated a check to apply toward the purchase of material for indoor games. These are needed badly during the noon hour. Several of the P. T. A. members have contributed their time and skill in making ping pong tables and other game tables. The school wishes to thank them for their efforts.

Of last year's graduating class, Peter Perkins is at M. I. T. and Parker Clements is at Farmington State Teacher's College.

The girls basketball team, coached by Mr. Shanahan has won a majority of its games and has made a creditable showing. Prospects for next year are good.

Mr. Pooler has coached the boys again this year, and has done a great deal to help them think and act clearly along the lines of clean living and good sportsmanship. The team at this time has won exactly one half of its games. It will play in the regional tournament at Stonington, conducted by the State Principal's Association.

The enrollment has increased over last year and promises to show a substantial increase next year.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
Principal

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

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It is always a pleasure to write an Annual Report for a Community which realizes the value of a good health program. That the people of Searsport do appreciate good health service is shown in the frequent requests that come for special help for individuals and families. When a Public Health Nurse has to divide her time with so many towns, too little time is available for any town. It is a saving of time when the community people cooperate in the program to such an extent as to recognize their problems and refer them to the Nurse. Because of such cooperation in your town it was possible to make 248 home visits this year.

Home visiting is one of the basic services given by the Nurse which results in some of the greatest benefits to the Community. At this time the Nurse has the best opportunity to discuss family health and to give instruction regarding such questions as how to give the best care to the sick, what to prepare for the new baby, what foods will give the most value for the money, how to make an elderly person in the home more comfortable and how to obtain medical and clinical advice for handicapped children.

Another valuable service to the community is that provided for the very young citizens through the Child Health Conference. It is through these Conferences that many of the children of your community are given their start toward a healthy life. Dr. Torrey has given physical examinations to 35 infant and pre-school children at the 5 Conferences held in your town. Immunization against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus were given to 22 children and 10 were vaccinated against Smallpox. Much of the credit for the success of these Conferences goes to the untiring efforts of the Health Committee of your local P. T. Association. Without their assistance such Conferences would have been impossible.

Hearing tests were given with the Audiometer to 216 school children which included all those above the 3rd grade. Some hearing loss was shown in 29 children and the families have been notified to seek medical advice.

Schick tests were given to 308 school children followed by Immunization Clinics in which 66 students were immunized against Diphtheria, 49 against Whooping Cough and 142 against Tetanus. 35 students were vaccinated against Smallpox. This year a change was made in the season of the year and the School Immunization Program was conducted so the figures are a little misleading as the work done in this calendar year report includes the latter part of the school year of 1952-53 as well as 1953-54.

At this time we wish to express appreciation for the privilege of working with you in the improvement of your Community Health.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA CREAMER  
Public Health Nurse

### CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

#### To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Searsport:

Herewith is my report as Treasurer of the Carver Memorial Library Association for the year ending January 31, 1954.

#### Receipts

Balance Feb. 1, 1953.....	676.76
Membership dues.....	1.00
Merrill Trust Co. dividend .....	15.00
Interest from Funds.....	90.85
Town of Searsport 1953 appropriation .....	600.00
State apportionment for books.....	40.00
From Piano fund.....	8.00
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Total receipts.....	1,431.61

#### Expenditures

Donald Lewis, tuning piano.....	8.00
Central Me. Power Co., light .....	35.98
George Campbell, Janitor .....	180.00
Elsie H. Gilkey, Librarian.....	247.65
Mary D. Campbell, Asst. Librarian....	46.20
Dorothy Applebee, Asst. Librarian ..	10.50
The Eastern News Co., 5 books.....	11.08
The Personal Book Shop 9 books.....	22.13
H. R. Hunting Co., 1 book .....	4.17
Vernard C. Hall, repair of wiring.....	3.00
Arthur Gould, repair of entrance cables.....	212.86
Arthur Gould, lights for dome.....	11.50
Postage.....	1.00
Searsport Hardware Co., supplies.....	2.10



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Eugene Otis, cutting hay.....	15.75	
C. G. Carley, furnace repairs.....	41.35	
H. R. Roby, 1 cord of wood .....	18.00	
Consumers Fuel Co., 5 tons of coal ....	134.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		1,005.27
Balance February 1, 1954.....	426.34	

## BOOK FUNDS

Balance February 1, 1953.....	181.50	
Interest from funds.....	112.50	
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Total.....		294.00
Expended for books.....		205.02
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Balance in book account . . . . .		88.98
Magazine Fund bal. Feb., 1 1953. . . .	30.73	
Interest received. . . . .	44.00	
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Total receipts.....		74.73
Expended for Magazine subscriptions		44.00
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Balance in Magazine fund.....		30.73

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN  
Treasurer

### REPORT OF SEARSPORT WATER DISTRICT

The Trustees of the Searsport Water District submit this the sixth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The Searsport Water District was organized in 1948 and bonded for \$130,000.00 at 3 ¼ per cent. The District has redeemed bonds to the amount of \$2,000.00 on Sept. 1, 1953 and \$2,000.00 as of March 1, 1954.

#### Receipts

On hand Jan. 1, 1953.....	1,418.77	
Cash received for 1953.....	21,742.97	
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Total.....		23,161.74

#### Expenditures

Stockton Springs Water Co. ....	4,682.18	
Maintenance of Mains, Services to		
Hydrants.....	2,784.49	
Salaries.....	3,150.00	
Interest.....	4,225.00	
Bond redemption.....	2,080.00	
Sinking Fund.....	2,000.00	
Purification.....	70.20	
Rents.....	99.96	
Sales and other taxes.....	396.34	
General Expenses.....	164.06	
Transportation.....	15.54	
Insurance and Legal advice.....	50.00	
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Total.....		19,717.77
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953....		3,443.97

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN  
C. SUMNER SMALL  
JOSHUA W. CURTIS  
Trustees

## REPORT OF THE SEARSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The wisdom of the voters of Searsport in authorizing the construction of their new high school in 1951 is now standing the test. Adequate school housing is our prized possession in 1954, the educational opportunities of our boys and girls have never been better. However, let our goal be constant improvement, that our future citizens may be better equipped to meet the problems of an ever changing world.

The trustees of the Searsport School District hereby report the financial expenditures of said district and the physical condition of the new school building. In June of 1952, the District, by authority of Chapter 143 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine, 1949, gave its negotiable promissory note, in the sum of \$65,000. to the First Portland National Bank, to mature and become payable serially and annually, with interest at 2 ½ per centum per annum, for specified amounts thereafter to and including November 1962. We believe this was a favorable business transaction for the taxpayer. The first payment on the principal, plus two semi-annual payments of interest was made in 1953.

In the care of the building itself, two coats of exterior paint were applied over the coat of primer paint which was recommended for the first year. This should preserve the good appearance of the building for several additional years. Completely encircling the exterior foundation a black tarvia strip was laid to protect the finish and appearance of the building. Another major undertaking this past summer was the grading and seeding of the grounds. The beauty and the setting of the new school will be enhanced thereby.

In the interior, the future home economics room was made more ready by the finished carpenter work and painting. A new

laboratory teachers desk was made and installed, and cabinet work for the storage of laboratory equipment is now under way.

We once more urge upon our citizens that they make it their business to visit and inspect this fine addition to our school system.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARMON TYMESON,  
Secretary-Treasurer

Trustees:

Charles K. Sawyer, Chariman  
David Stone  
Patrick C. O'Donnell  
Cynthia Cram  
J. Harmon Tymeson

**MOSMAN MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION**

The Park Association again urges all residents of Searsport to more and more make use of the Park and all its facilities. It is your Park and maintained for your use.

This year, sponsored by the Lions Club, an ice skating rink was attempted. It is hoped that there will be better luck next year. Earlier preparation of the ground should make it a more successful venture in the future.

The bathing beach should be in much better condition this year as the tides continue to fill in the sand and gravel.

Baseball, both senior and junior leagues, should be in full swing in the near future.

Come out and use the Park and

**KEEP YOUR PARK CLEAN**

M. MILTON POTTER  
President



### WARRANT

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**To Alfred Ashey, Constable of the Town of Searsport, in the  
County of Waldo** **Greeting:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Searsport, in said County qualified to vote by law in Town, on Monday, the 8th day of March, A. D. 1954, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the Annual Report of the municipal officers as printed.
- Art. 4. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the various Town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose and elect Town officers for the ensuing year and how many, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, a member of the School Board Road Commissioners, Constables, Surveyors of Spars and Timber, Fence Viewers, Sealers of Leather, Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves, and Fire Ward.
- Art. 6. To elect a Tax Collector.

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- Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose or lease any real estate acquired by the Town by virtue of foreclosed tax liens thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the High School.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee      13,700.00
- Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Elementary Schools.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee      \$29,500.00
- Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Superintendent of Schools.
- Art. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs, insurance, truancy and equipment for the schools.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee      \$3,000.00
- Art. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Carver Memorial Library.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee      \$400.00
- Art. 13. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government and Incidentals.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee      \$7,500.00

- Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$5,000.00
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to install a hydrant within 500 ft. of Joyce's diner and motel so called, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 16. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of the hydrants.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$2,650.00
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to maintain the present Fire Department and to make such changes, as may, in their opinion, become necessary.
- Art. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repair of the Town roads and how much to allow for labor.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$7,000.00
- Art. 19. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on improved and town roads, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$300.00
- Art. 20. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for winter breaking and snow removal.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$500.00
- Art. 21. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$2,000.00

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- Art. 22. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for sewer repairs and maintenance or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$700.00
- Art. 23. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the decoration of soldiers' graves and the care of the Monument Lot, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$100.00
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light installed on Bayview Place, near the residence of Isaac Perkins or act anything thereon.
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light installed at the corner of Steamboat Avenue and Main Street, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light on Cottage Street opposite Miss Alice Walkers' at bend of road, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 27. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$1,400.00
- Art. 28. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for sidewalk repairs and maintenance, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$100.00
- Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$85.00 for public health nursing in Searsport. Said sum to be

expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local services, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee \$85.00

- Art. 30. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Union Hall, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee \$800.00

- Art. 31. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee \$1,200.00

- Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow, as temporary loan or loans, to and for the use of the Town of Searsport, in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, sums of money in the aggregate not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00); and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the negotiable bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable within the said municipal year from moneys raised by taxation therein and upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen of said Town, in accordance with provisions of R. S. Maine, Sections 83, Chapter 5 as amended, or act anything thereon.

- Art. 33. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages, and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine, or act anything thereon.



- Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 19, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$3,192.00
- Art. 35. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to add to the World War 1 and 2 Memorial Gymnasium Capital Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$1,000.00
- Art. 36. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to be used for Civil Defense, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$300.00
- Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a Community Christmas tree, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$50.00
- Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to employ a policeman for the ensuing year and how much money it will raise and appropriate for his salary, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$2,500.00
- Art. 39. To see if this town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,280.00 to be used to retire \$4,000.00 of the bond issue and to pay the interest on the same, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$2,280.00

- Art. 40. To see if the Town will authorize whomsoever may be elected and chosen to compose its Board of Selectmen at this Town Meeting to convey by Quit-Claim Deed to Robert B. Applebee and Amy E. Applebee whatsoever interest the Town may have in and to the following lot or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a point at the juncture of the northwesterly line of the Old County Road in said Searsport, discontinued by the County commissioner for Waldo County on April 8, 1952, and the southwesterly line of land of said Robert B. Applebee and Amy E. Applebee: thence about south  $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  east along the extension of said southwesterly line to the northwesterly line of the State Highway known as Route No. 1. thence northeasterly along said northwesterly line of said State Highway to a point at the juncture of said northwesterly line of said State Highway and the extension of the northeasterly line of land of said Robert B. Applebee and Amy E. Applebee: thence about north  $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  west along the extension of said northeasterly line to the northerly line of said discontinued road: thence westerly and southwesterly along the said northerly line and northwesterly line of said discontinued road to place of beginning.

- Art. 41. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for material on Town road improvement work, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee	\$400.00
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- Art. 42. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Security, or act anything thereon.

- Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Inez H. Hatten, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Thomas Decrow lot in the Elmwood Cemetery.
- Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Mrs. Orison Brown, the sum of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Orison Brown lot in the Mt. Hope Cemetery.
- Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Partridge, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of lot No. 54 in the Mt. Hope Cemetery.
- Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Dorothea Eager, the sum of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Joshua B. Nichols lot in the Elmwood Cemetery.
- Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Mrs. Melvin Park Smith, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Melvin Park, Jr. lot in the Bowditch Cemetery.
- Art. 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a sexton for the following cemeteries, namely, Bowditch, Village, Gordon, Mt. Hope, Merithew, Evergreen and Elmwood. And to establish his pay, or act anything thereon.

- Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate in its behalf a contract with a bank to act as its agent to handle the Trust Funds of the Town, under such conditions and terms as they may deem advisable, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 50. To see if the Town will purchase the lot of land at the corner of the Atlantic Highway and the East side of Mortland Road, from the estate of the late Amos T. Carver, and how much money it will raise and appropriate for the same, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to secure liability insurance for its employees, and how much money it will raise and appropriate for the same or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee                      \$275.00
- Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of four-hundred (dollars \$400.00) to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of white pine blister rust, in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chap. 32, Sec. 54, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee. No Approp.
- Art. 53. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to purchase and install a new boiler and an oil burner, at the Grammar School, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee                      \$4,000.00

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Art. 54. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) to help defray the cost of liability insurance at Mosman Park, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee \$35.00

Given under our hands at Searsport, February, A. D. 1954.

VICTOR N. GREENE

CLAIR S. SHUTE

CHARLES C. HAVENER

Selectmen of Searsport









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### Town of **SEARSPORT** MAINE

For the Municipal Year

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## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

CLAIR S. SHUTE

## Superintending School Committee

LEOREN CLEMENTS

## Superintendent of Schools

## Tax Collector

RUBY D. WOOD

## Town Clerk

MAURICE FLETCHER

## Town Treasurer

CARL ROBBINS

## Auditor

W. C. WHEELER

## Fire Chief

## Constable

ALTON H. JACKSON

ALFRED ASHEY

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

ALTON L. JOHNSON, JR.

## Health Officer

ALFRED ASHEY

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## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

	Valuation		
	R. Estate	P. Estate	Total
Resident.....	469,250.00	43,800.00	513,050.00
Non-resident.....	535,577.00	215,292.00	750,869.00
Grand Totals.....	1,004,827.00	259,092.00	1,263,919.00
Tax Rate \$88 per \$1,000		111,224.87	
356 Polls at \$3.00 .....		1,068.00	
Supplemental Tax.....		297.80	
Total Committment			112,590.67

## Appropriations

High School.....	13,700.00
Elementary Schools.....	29,500.00
General School Account.....	3,000.00
Carver Memorial Library.....	400.00
General Government.....	7,500.00
Town Poor.....	5,000.00
Hydrant Rental.....	2,650.00
Town Roads.....	7,000.00
Labor rate of \$1.00 per hr.	
Cutting Bushes.....	300.00
Snow Removal.....	500.00
Fire Department.....	2,000.00
Sewer Maintenance.....	700.00
Memorial Day.....	100.00
Street Lights.....	1,400.00
Sidewalks.....	100.00
Health Nurse.....	85.00
Union Hall.....	800.00

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A. D. C.....	1,200.00	
Publicity.....	125.00	
State Aid Construction.....	3,192.00	
Capital Reserve Fund.....	1,000.00	
Civilian Defense.....	300.00	
Community Christmas Tree.....	50.00	
Police.....	2,500.00	
Bond Issue.....	2,280.00	
Town Road Improvement.....	400.00	
Social Security.....	250.00	
Liability Insurance.....	275.00	
New Boiler & Oil Burner for Grammar School.....	4,000.00	
Mosman Park.....	35.00	
John Stairs Account.....	2,500.00	
Searsport School District, Cabinets, etc. in New High School.....	1,000.00	
Total.....	93,842.00	
TOTAL Direct Appropriations.....	93,842.00	
State Tax.....	10,900.12	
County Tax.....	8,341.65	
Overlay.....	1,409.22	
Supplemental Tax.....	297.80	
Warrant, Town of Searsport School District.....	8,700.00	
Total Commitment.....		123,490.79
Less State Property Tax.....		10,900.12
Net Commitment.....		112,590.67

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
 CLAIR S. SHUTE  
 CHARLES C. HAVENER  
 Assessors of Searsport

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

February 10, 1955

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Searsport  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we have audited the general and trust fund accounting records of the Town of Searsport, Maine for the year ending January 31, 1955. We have directly examined records of the town clerk affecting accounting procedure and the administration of the town. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We herewith submit our report, consisting of exhibits, schedules and supporting detail together with such attendant comments that describe the scope of the work performed.

**Certificate**

Based upon our examination, and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheet, statement of transactions in departmental accounts, and analysis of change in unappropriated surplus of resources properly present the financial condition of the town as at January 31, 1955 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WHEELER

Public Accountant



## COMMENTS

### Cash

Cash on deposit, in the general fund, has been verified by certificate furnished by the Merrill Trust Company. All cash on hand at year end closing was verified to have been promptly deposited. A detailed comparison was made of all treasurer's checks with the warrants issued by the Selectmen.

### Tax Receivables

The assessment of 1953 taxes has been proved and compared with the Collector's commitment. A test check of outstanding balances has been made by correspondence with tax payers. Real estate taxes subject to foreclosed liens has been merged with tax acquired real estate recorded as owned by the town. A reserve for possible loss in collection of 1952 and prior assessments is set up to avoid overvaluation.

We have added copies of excise tax receipts pre-numbered 94 to 550, A2326 to A2375, A4176 to A4225, A15351 to A15375, A18326 to A18350, and A22976 to A22979, all inclusive, for 1954 and prenumbered 1 to 125 inclusive for 1955 and the total found to be in agreement with receipts issued by the Treasurer. The revenue, being unappropriated, has been lapsed to surplus.

### Tax Mortgage Liens

New tax liens have been examined; costs chargeable to the tax payers have been added to, and form a part of, the reconciled ledger balance. Collections were examined in detail and reconciled with subsidiary control.

### Foreclosed Tax Mortgages

The detail set forth on Schedule 4 is intended to reflect each individual transaction and to reveal the results. More properties were sold than newly acquired but the total recorded as owned by the town is still substantial.

### **Accounts Receivable**

New accounts receivable have been determined by examination of departmental and other accounts, the principal items being for State Aid Construction and pauper supplies furnished to non-residents. Although one item may be difficult to collect, a reserve for loss does not seem fully justified this year.

### **Capital Reserve Investment**

The investment in the form of securities was determined by direct examination; the amounts on time deposit have been verified by bank certificates. The earnings from the securities were found to have been added to the time deposits.

### **Accounts Payable**

The accounts payable have been determined by examination of departmental and other accounts. Included is commission to the tax collector unpaid only because the last treasurer's warrant was written prior to the final transmittal of tax collections. One item cannot be paid until the right to receive the payment is fully established.

### **Serial Bonds Outstanding**

Cancelled bonds numbered 5, 6, 7 and 8 were found to be on hand. The bond and coupon bank account shows the proper zero balance. Cancelled coupons were examined.

### **Withheld Employee Funds**

The balance for social security is the amount withheld during January of 1955 and does not represent any part of the town's share to be paid in April of 1955. The withholdings for income tax and teachers' retirement are now on a prompt transmittal basis instead of periodic accrual and the present balance pertains to the prior year. We have been unable to obtain a ruling from federal authorities regarding the disposition of such funds despite repeated attempts.

### **Departmental Balances**

The cash recovery from hurricane damage is an advance payment only, leaving the incomplete transaction as a continuation into the new year; the temporary overdraft forward has the same accounting effect as a receivable but the exact extent of recovery cannot yet be stated.

The unexpended balance in State Aid Construction was found to be in agreement with State records. The expense so far incurred for compensation and liability insurance was the first and estimated premium leaving the possible adjusting premiums unknown at year end closing, otherwise the unexpended balance would be lapsed. The balances for education have been compared with the records of the Superintendent of Schools.

The overdraft of \$1,003.04 for snow removal is attributed to a reduction in the voted appropriation from \$2,500.00 to \$500.00; this expense being so unpredictable the usual budget is based on the average of several years costs. There appears to be no definite need of new tax levies for civilian defense but as an alternative, there could be voted authorization to appropriate from surplus such minor sums that may be necessary.

### **Trust Funds**

Trust fund investments in the form of securities have been determined by direct examination; amounts on time deposits have been verified by bank certificates. The cash on demand deposit has been verified by certificate furnished by The Merrill Trust Company. Trust fund balances, consisting of expendable income and principal, have been reconciled with the transactions in each individual trusteeship. The system of subsidiary control used to account for income, received at times identified with individual principals and at other times from extensively co-mingled investments, has been advantageously used by your Treasurer.

## EXHIBIT A

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

## Resources

Sch.		Jan. 31, '55	Jan. 30, '54
1.	Cash.....	31,470.67	24,567.28
2.	Tax Receivables.....	5,433.01	4,435.82
3.	Tax Mortgage Liens.....	541.74	356.90
4.	Foreclosed Tax Mortgage Liens	3,189.31	3,440.36
5.	Accounts Receivable.....	1,126.12	307.99
6.	Capital Reserve Investments ....	7,466.64	6,385.55
Total Resources.....		49,227.49	39,493.90

## Obligations, Reserves and Surplus

7.	Accounts Payable.....	101.96	96.47
8.	Serial Bonds Outstanding.....	12,000.00	16,000.00
	Withheld Income Tax.....	15.50	481.40
	Withheld Social Security.....	22.42	36.80
9.	Capital Reserve.....	7,466.64	6,385.55
	Tax Abatement Reserve.....	202.02	56.43
Ex D	Continuing Balances.....	490.38	277.01*
Ex E	Net Surplus.....	28,928.57(a)	16,714.26
Total Obligations, Reserves and Surplus.....		49,227.49	39,493.90

\*Denotes Deduction

(a) For unappropriated surplus, see Exhibit F.

The complete audit report is on file in the office of the Selectmen.

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The overdraft in the General Government account may be explained by stating that as the tax commitment increases the commission of the tax collector increases. Also the salary of the sexton was added to the total salary list. In addition to these items, we began the painting of the town office, part of which was paid for before the books were closed on January 31.

The appropriation for Union Hall is just about enough to meet the operating expenses. It is evident that repairs must soon be made if the hall is to continue in use. The installation of oil burners might be advantageous.

The items in the town garage account are mostly for completion of the concrete floor. The building should be painted again in the near future.

The fire department payroll was the smallest in years. Perhaps the people are becoming more careful of fires.

As the cost of Social Security is higher than anticipated, there should be an increase in the appropriation this year.

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Appropriation.....	7,500.00	
Cash receipts.....	416.37	
Other credits.....	115.20	
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Total available.....		8,031.57
Salaries:		
Victor N. Greene, 1st Selectman.....	500.00	
Clair S. Shute, 2nd Selectman.....	350.00	
Charles C. Havener, 3rd Selectmen ...	550.00	
Carl B. Robbins, Treas.....	500.00	
Maurice Fletcher, Town Clerk.....	150.00	



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Ruby D. Wood, Tax Collector .....	2,333.19	
Victor N. Greene, Assessor.....	75.00	
Clair S. Shute, Assessor.....	75.00	
Charles C. Havener, Assessor.....	125.00	
Helen Fletcher, School Committee.....	100.00	
Leoren Clements, School Committee ..	100.00	
David Stone, School Committee.....	100.00	
Alfred Ashey, Health Officer.....	100.00	
Alfred Ashey, Truant Officer.....	100.00	
Carl B. Robbins, Sexton.....	100.00	
Alice Havener, Ballot Clerk.....	10.00	
Rose Rich, Ballot Clerk.....	10.00	
Esther Clements, Ballot Clerk .....	10.00	
Harry Merrithew, Ballot Clerk.....	10.00	
Alfred Ashey, Special Police .....	16.00	
Daniel Rich, Special Police.....	16.00	
Ralph Webster, Special Police.....	16.00	
Lindley Small, Special Police.....	16.00	
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		5,362.19
Janitor, Lights and Telephone:		
William Hamilton.....	156.00	
C. M. Power Co.....	83.81	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.....	156.70	
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		396.51
Fuel:		
Gulf Oil Corporation.....	124.96	
Knox Bros.....	104.32	
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		229.28
Officer's Bonds and Insurance:		
B. F. Colcord, Insurance Agency .....		605.89



## Supplies:

Marks Printing House.....	65.82
C. M. Power Co.....	5.76
Kelley Press.....	369.45
Bangor Office Supply.....	1.50
City Drug Store.....	13.88
Grace Harriman.....	37.26
Hutchins Bros.....	9.60
Mero Flex Co., Inc.....	20.40
Branham Publishing Co.....	4.00
W. C. Wheeler.....	16.83
Knox Bros.....	32.67

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 577.17

## Incidentals:

Lindley Small.....	8.50
Mary Carr.....	2.95
Richard Crosby.....	1.50
Merrill Trust Co.....	5.00
Carl B. Robbins.....	28.87
Victor N. Greene.....	100.59
James H. Duncan.....	17.00
Knox Bros.....	.96
Alfred Ashey.....	18.00
Charles Knox.....	5.00
City Drug Store.....	7.32
Dunton and Morse.....	7.00
Journal Publishing Co.....	12.25
Branham Publishing Co.....	4.00
Kinneys Trucking.....	2.00
W. C. Wheeler.....	591.92
Searsport Water Co.....	25.50
Maine Municipal Assn.....	40.00
Fred L. Tower Co.....	15.50
Register of Deeds.....	60.25

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Maurice Fletcher.....	2.21	
Ruby Wood.....	77.60	
Henrietta McCaslin.....	3.00	
Grants Service Station.....	22.37	
Payroll.....	156.41	
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Total Expenditures.....	8,386.74	1,215.70
Other Charges.....	111.81	
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		8,498.55
		466.98

## UNION HALL

Appropriation.....	800.00
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### Expenditures:

Wm. Hamilton, Janitor.....	104.00
C. M. Power Co.....	96.26
Alfred Ashey, Fuel.....	20.00
Ralph Closson, Fuel.....	289.63
Leslie Closson, Fuel.....	18.00
Knox Bros.....	41.12
Gulf Oil Corp.....	12.46
C. G. Carley.....	62.13
Ivory Frazier.....	5.77
Sid's Market.....	9.29
Searsport Hardware.....	1.20
Lindley Small.....	4.00
Kinney Trucking.....	30.50
Milton Hills.....	12.02
Arthur Gould.....	21.20

Harry Merrithew.....	13.75	
Harry Clements.....	12.85	
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Total Expenditures.....		754.18
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Balance Surplus.....		45.82

## MAINTENANCE TOWN GARAGE

Milton Hills.....	90.28	
Payrolls.....	100.30	
Knox Bros.....	23.82	
Andrews Garage.....	12.46	
D. C. Rich .....	28.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		254.86

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation.....	2,000.00	
Receipts, Burning grass.....	75.00	
Transferred from Surplus.....	1,504.89	
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Total Available.....		3,579.89

## Expenditures:

Payroll.....	618.00	
Gulf Oil Corp., fuel.....	375.20	
Nelson's Welding Shop.....	1,504.89	
Knox Bros.....	70.61	
C. M. Power Co.....	61.43	
Andrew's Garage.....	8.00	
Jackson's Service Station.....	117.23	
Eastern Fire Equipment.....	55.20	
Grant's Service Station.....	5.10	
Blanchard Association.....	21.49	

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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B. F. Colcord Insurance.....	192.00	
Searsport Water District.....	8.50	
Lawrence Kimball.....	10.50	
D. C. Rich.....	6.00	
Warner Hamilton.....	6.00	
Total Expenditures.....		3,060.15
Balance to Surplus.....		519.74

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Balance Jan. 31, 1954.....	213.60	
Appropriation.....	2,500.00	
From Waldo County.....	183.48	
Total Available.....		2,897.08
Expenditures:		
F. E. Whitcomb, Salary.....	2,500.00	
F. E. Whitcomb, Mileage.....	78.50	
Total Expenditures.....		2,578.50
Balance to Surplus.....		318.58

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation.....	1,400.00	
Paid C. M. Power Co.....	1,388.64	
Balance to Surplus.....		11.36

## HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation.....	2,650.00	
Paid Searsport Water District.....	2,650.00	
		5,300.00

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance, Jan. 31, 1954.....	293.58	
Appropriation.....	300.00	
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Total Available.....		593.58
Expenditures:		
Lawrence Kimball.....	8.00	
D. C. Rich.....	8.00	-16.00
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Balance to Surplus.....		577.58

## SEWER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....	700.00	
Cash Receipts.....	5.10	
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Total Available.....		705.10
Expenditures:		
Payrolls.....	263.64	
Searsport Hardware.....	1.00	
Bancroft & Martin.....	77.55	
Milton B. Hills.....	68.40	
Allan M. Mollison.....	6.12	
Siegfrid Johnson.....	215.00	
Knox Bros.....	21.76	
C. G. Carley.....	33.03	
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Total Expenditures.....		686.50
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Balance to Surplus.....		18.60

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation.....	85.00
Paid State Treasurer.....	85.00



## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## JOHN STAIRS ACCOUNT

Appropriation.....	2,500.00	
No expenditures.....		
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Balance to Surplus.....		2,500.00

## RETIREMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST

Appropriation.....	2,280.00	
Transferred from Surplus.....	2,000.00	
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Total Available.....		4,280.00
Paid Merrill Trust Co.....		4,280.00

## Capital Reserve

## WORLD WAR I AND II MEMORIAL

Balance Jan. 31, 1954.....	6,385.55	
Appropriation.....	1,000.00	
Interest earned.....	81.09	
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Total in Capital Reserve Fund.....		7,466.64

## SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENSE

Appropriation.....	250.00	
Paid Maine Retirement System .....	398.36	
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		148.36

## MOSMAN PARK

Appropriation.....	35.00	
Paid B. F. Colcord Insurance.....	35.00	

## ANNUAL REPORT

## CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation.....	400.00	
States.....	42.00	
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Total Available.....		442.00
Paid Carver Memorial Library Assn.		442.00

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation.....		100.00
Expenditures:		
Arthur Stantial.....	23.26	
Searsport Drug Co.....	33.00	
Ivory Frazier.....	15.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		71.26
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Balance to Surplus.....		28.74

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Appropriation.....		50.00
Expenditures:		
H. W. Hatch.....	44.96	
Institutional Cinema.....	13.86	
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		58.82
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		8.82

## PUBLICITY

Appropriation.....	125.00
Paid Maine Publicity Bureau.....	125.00

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

Appropriation.....	275.00	
Paid B. F. Colcord Insurance Agency.....	225.49	
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Balance carried forward.....		49.51

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Appropriation.....	29,500.00	
State School Fund.....	7,430.40	
Other Cash Receipts.....	219.24	
Other Credits.....	83.11	
Less: Overdraft Jan., 1954 .....	214.94	
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Total Available.....		37,017.81
Expenditures:		
Payrolls.....	35,547.82	
Other Charges.....	1,104.41	
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Total Charges.....		36,652.23
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Balance Carried Forward.....		365.58

## HIGH SCHOOL

Balance Jan. 31, 1954.....	252.45	
Appropriation.....	13,700.00	
State School Fund.....	3,633.00	
Other Cash Receipts.....	277.56	
Other Credits.....	11.88	
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Total Available.....		17,874.89

## Expenditures:

Payrolls.....	16,563.72	
Other Charges.....	402.70	
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Total Charges.....		16,966.42
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Balance Carried Forward.....		908.47

## GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation.....	3,000.00	
Cash Receipts.....	27.57	
Other Credits.....	462.50	3,490.07
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Less: Overdraft Jan. 31, 1954.....		608.10
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Total Available.....		2,881.97

## Expenditures:

Payrolls.....	2,674.45	
Other Charges.....	27.57	
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Total Charges.....		2,702.02
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Balance Carried Forward.....		179.95

## SUPERINTENDENCE

Transfer Credits.....		1,083.61
Payrolls.....	1,072.05	
Other Charges.....	11.56	
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		1,083.61

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Transfer Credits.....	105.44
Payrolls.....	105.44
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SEARSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (Furnishings)

Appropriation.....	1,000.00
Paid Searsport School District .....	1,000.00
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HEATING PLANT (Grammar School)

Appropriation.....	4,000.00
Paid Lloyd Rainey.....	3,600.36
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Balance to Surplus.....	399.64

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
CLAIR S. SHUTE  
CHARLES C. HAVENER

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REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Work on our town roads had been nearly completed for the season and the state had started reconstruction of Mt. Ephraim Road, when hurricane Edna destroyed much of what had been done and put an end to further construction. The fall months were devoted to repair work.

The town has been reimbursed by the state for one half of the estimated hurricane road damage and application has been made to the Federal Government for reimbursement of the other fifty percent.

The damage has not been fully repaired, as we have waited for the town's decision on the Smart Bridge. A bridge on the Black road also needs replacing, and there is a washout at Searsport Harbor which has not been taken care of.

The appropriation for Snow Removal should be increased this year, as it was necessary to overdraw that account because the town did not receive the anticipated amount from the state.

The town road improvement money from the state was used last summer on the turnpike and on the Meadow road (so called) near Stockton.

Next summer it is our plan to put the town road improvement money on the Porter road, so called, rebuilding it, as far as possible with the available money.

The hurricane damage account in this report shows only the cash payments and thus does not include use of the town grader or payment for gravel taken from the town pit.

TOWN ROADS

Appropriation.....	7,000.00	
Cash receipt.....	154.35	
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Total available.....		7,154.35

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## Expenditures:

Payroll, labor.....	2,526.10	
Payroll, trucks.....	1,450.55	
Union Steel Co.....	17.27	
Walter Killian.....	23.50	
Raymond Carroll.....	6.50	
Jackson's Service Station.....	19.95	
Lane Cons. Co.....	40.88	
B. & A. R. R. Co.....	2.67	
Garland Co.....	32.42	
Eastern Tractor & Equip. Co.....	17.47	
Houghton & Arnold Co.....	5.82	
Fox & Ginn.....	1.91	
Stiles Service Station.....	2.00	
W. L. Gilley.....	25.00	
Knox Bros.....	118.14	
Bancroft Martin.....	523.76	
Grant's Service Station.....	188.85	
Andrews Garage.....	139.14	
Searsport Hardware Co.....	31.85	
State Treasurer (For).....	966.54	
G. G. Smitte.....	46.00	
Maynard Carr.....	146.00	
Total Expenditures.....		6,332.32
Balance to Surplus.....		822.03

## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation.....	500.00	
Received from the State.....	1,369.78	
Total Available.....		1,869.78

## Expenditures:

Transfer charge.....	1.00	
Payroll, labor.....	1,185.38	
Payroll, truck.....	1,181.57	
Raymond York.....	20.90	
Andrews Garage.....	52.13	
Grant's Service Station.....	18.59	
B. M. Clark Co., Inc.....	112.50	
State Treasurer.....	282.95	
Knox Bros.....	16.00	
Fox & Ginn.....	1.80	
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Total Charges.....		2,872.82
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		1,003.04

## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation.....	3,192.00	
Received from State.....	760.23	
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Total Available.....		3,952.23
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Expenditures:		
Bancroft & Martin.....	1,638.69	
Payroll.....	354.55	
State Treasurer.....	413.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		2,406.24
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Balance carried forward.....		1,545.99

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Received from State.....	2,570.63
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# TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## Expenditures:

Bancroft & Martin.....	68.34	
Payrolls.....	1,593.26	
State Sand & Gravel.....	909.01	
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Total Expenditures.....		2,570.61
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Balance to Surplus.....		.02

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT MATERIAL

Appropriation.....	400.00
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## Expenditures:

Gladys Colcord (gravel).....	291.00	
Hermon Nickerson (gravel).....	178.60	
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Total Expenditures.....		469.60
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		69.60

## SPECIAL RESOLVE

Received from the State.....	966.00
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## Expenditures:

Bancroft & Martin.....	115.94	
Payrolls.....	567.33	
State Sand & Gravel.....	288.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		971.27
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		5.27

## ANNUAL REPORT

## CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation.....		300.00
Cash Receipts.....		.48
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Total Available.....		300.48
Expenditures:		
Payrolls.....	40.25	
C. A. Paul & Son.....	61.27	
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Total Expenditures.....		101.52
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Balance to Surplus.....		198.96

## HURRICANE DAMAGE

Received from State.....		1,016.00
Cash Payments:		
Payrolls.....	3,215.92	
Material and Incidentals.....	359.20	
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Total Expenditures.....		3,575.12
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Overdraft.....		2,559.12

## TRACTOR

Cash Receipts.....		30.00
Expenditures:		
Gulf Oil Corp.....	38.45	
Grant's Service Station.....	4.75	
Payroll.....	28.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		71.20
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		41.20

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SIDEWALKS

Appropriation.....	100.00
No Expenditures	
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Balance to Surplus.....	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
CLAIR S. SHUTE  
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Road Commissioners



### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

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Even though the poor account has been overdrawn this year, it may be noticed that the amount of \$2,500 raised last year on account of John Stairs has not been spent due to the fact that conditions laid down by the vote of the town have not been met and supplies charged to him have been taken from the General Poor Account.

A rough analysis of the poor account reveals the following approximate percentages:

Clothing.....	2%
Food.....	4%
Medical Care.....	10%
Hospital Care.....	4%
Convalescent home (board and care) .....	60%
Medicine.....	7%
Burial.....	3%
Incidentals.....	10%

### TOWN POOR

Appropriation.....	5,000.00	
Received from Case No. 4.....	60.00	
Received from Mechanics Fall .....	5.00	
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Total Available.....		5,065.00

#### Expenditures:

##### Case No. 1

Clements and Adams.....	2.57
Colburns Shoe Store.....	10.14
Sid's Market.....	11.64

# TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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R. L. Torrey.....	5.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	8.40

37.75

## Case No. 2

Mrs. Edwin Cross.....	1,200.00
R. L. Torrey.....	95.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	164.74
Knox Bros.....	13.43
A. O. Stein.....	3.00
Sid's Market.....	5.20

1,481.37

## Case No. 3

A. O. Stein, M. D.....	48.00
City Drug Store.....	171.16
Dr. Ernest Webber.....	40.00
Carl Stevens.....	5.00
Everett Porter.....	34.00

298.16

## Case No. 4

Clements & Adams.....	.58
Mrs. Edwin Cross.....	270.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	36.00

306.58

## Case No. 5

Young's Funeral Home.....	20.00
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20.00

**Case No. 6**

Town of Camden.....	704.81
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704.81

**Case No. 7**

Taylor's Market.....	16.57
Sid's Market.....	2.83

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19.40

**Case No. 8**

City of Belfast.....	20.00
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20.00

**Case No. 9**

Taylor's Market.....	21.21
Sid's Market.....	27.60

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48.81

**Case No. 10**

Town of Burnham.....	567.34
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567.34

**Case No. 11**

Sid's Market.....	73.57
McClellan Store, Inc.....	91.58
Knox Bros.....	15.62
Colburn's Shoe Store.....	24.23
Stevenson and Son.....	14.66

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219.66

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## Case No. 12

Sid's Market.....	13.84
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13.84

## Case No. 13

Sid's Market.....	32.98
Knox Bros.....	23.24

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56.22

## Case No. 14

City of Bangor.....	10.50
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10.50

## Case No. 15

City of Belfast.....	42.60
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42.60

## Case No. 16

Clements and Adams.....	5.58
R. L. Torrey, M. D.....	67.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	9.24
Sid's Market.....	13.73

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95.55

## Case No. 17

Waldo County Hospital.....	270.45
John A. Caswell.....	177.00
City Drug Store.....	3.00
City of Belfast.....	9.55

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460.00

**Charles Prescott**

Sid's Market.....	12.12
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12.12
**Tramps**

Mary Carr.....	2.10
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2.10
**John Stairs**

C. M. Power Co.....	1.79
Knox Bros.....	21.68
R. L. Torrey.....	5.00
Taylor's Market.....	35.97
Searsport Drug Co.....	18.27
State of Maine.....	49.72
Clement and Adams.....	6.16
C. G. Carley.....	1.25
Colburn's Shoe Store.....	4.65
Albert O. Piper, M. D.....	75.00
Optical Shop.....	28.00

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247.49
**Andrew Palmer**

A. J. Jewell.....	44.00
Meister Convalescent Home.....	742.00
Michael Longo.....	5.00
Young's Funeral Home.....	216.50

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1,007.50

Total Expenditures.....	5,671.80
Overdraft to Surplus.....	606.80

# TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## OTHER TOWN POOR

### Receipts:

City of Belfast.....	522.44
Town of Perry.....	156.96
Town of Brownville.....	10.41
Other Credits.....	181.22

Total Credits.....	871.03
Total Expenditures.....	871.03

## STATE POOR

Expenditure.....	28.36
Due from State.....	8.36
Overdraft to Surplus.....	20.00

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation.....	1,200.00
Paid State Treasurer.....	938.56
Balance to Surplus.....	261.44

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE  
CLAIR S. SHUTE  
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Overseers of the Poor



**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**  
**Fires and Cost Attended by**

**Barney Hose Co. - From Dec. 16, 1953 to Dec. 3, 1954**

**1953**

Dec. 16	Florence Billings	Chimney	22.00
Dec. 18	Mrs. Rilla Fraser	Chimney	7.00
Dec. 20	A. A. Ambrose	Chicken House	30.00
Dec. 20	Ray McNalley	House	30.00
Jan. 6	Mrs. Chas. Rogers	Chimney	4.00
Jan. 6	Ralph Closson	Truck	8.00
Jan. 12	Edward Young	Chimney	10.00
Jan. 14	Florence Billings	Chimney	15.00
Feb. 12	George Varney	Chimney	22.00
Feb. 24	East Main St.	Car	11.00
Feb. 27	Henry Clements	Chimney	11.00
Mar. 6	Kenneth Kenney	Chimney	6.00
Mar. 12	Osborne George	Chimney	8.00
Mar. 26	Arthur Rowe	Chimney	4.00
April 7	Wesley Fyle	Grass	5.00
April 21	Donald LeDrew	Building	21.00
April 26	Omar Fease	Grass	13.00
April 30	M. B. Thompson Heirs	Grass	11.00
May 23	Fred Sale	Car	15.00
	Burning grass at owner's expense		90.00
May 26	Frospect St.	Grass	22.00
	Changing and Testing Hose		51.00
June 17	John Mandern	Car	15.00
June 30	Mrs. Edward Knowlton	Oil Burner	18.00
Sept. 15	Northern Chemical Co.	Wiring	12.00
Nov. 1	Ivan Kenninson	Chimney	13.00
Dec. 3	Mrs. John Grindle	Chimney	9.00
	Building Inspection		8.00

Total Cost

491.00

Respectfully submitted,  
**ALTON H. JACKSON**  
 Fire Chief

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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### REPORT OF TREASURER

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Cash on hand in Merrill Trust Co.  
February 1, 1954..... 24,567.28

Ruby D. Wood, Tax Collector

1954 Town Tax.....	107,199.17
1953 Town Tax.....	2,523.46
1952 Town Tax.....	131.17
1951 Town Tax.....	59.08
1954 Excise Tax.....	5,186.04
1955 Excise Tax.....	1,523.03

Treasurer State of Maine:

State Poor.....	35.90
Snow Removal.....	1,369.78
Elementary Schools.....	100.00
Library Stipend.....	42.00
Bank Stock Tax.....	120.40
Highways.....	1,016.00
Town Roads.....	2,641.83
Special Resolve Road.....	966.00
Schools Subsidy.....	11,063.40
R. R. & Telephone Tax Refund.....	104.61
Dog Tax Refund.....	42.22

Other Receipts:

1952 Tax Liens.....	118.07
Cost of Liens & Interest.....	21.79
1953 Tax Liens.....	297.80
Cost of Liens & Interest.....	23.08
Sale Town Property.....	1,845.77
Social Security Receipts.....	332.21
High School Acct.....	277.56
Elementary School Acct.....	216.74

General School Acct.....	27.57	
General Government.....	150.38	
Police Department.....	183.48	
Fire Department.....	75.00	
Other Town Poor Acct.....	876.31	
Town Road Acct.....	83.15	
Town Poor Acct.....	65.00	
Town Tractor Acct.....	30.00	
Town Grader Acct.....	7.50	
Town Sewer Acct.....	5.10	
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Total Receipts.....		163,249.97
Disbursements:		
Selectmen's Warrants Nos. 1 to 63.....	131,834.99	
Cash on hand in Merrill Trust Co.		
January 31, 1955.....	31,414.98	
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Total Disbursements.....		163,249.97

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Elmwood Cemetery:		
Trust Funds Received.....	300.00	
Securities called.....	280.00	
Cash Assets received from		
Elmwood Cemetery Assoc.....	91.43	
Income from Assessments.....	117.00	
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		978.16
Disbursements:		
Vance Adams.....		165.00
Ralph Closson.....		4.00
Ivory Fraser.....		60.00
Harvey Brock.....		85.00
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		314.00

## TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## Village Cemetery:

Trust Fund Income.....	334.59
Assessment Income.....	102.50
Cash Assets received from Village Cemetery Assoc.....	547.64

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 984.73

## Disbursements:

Ivory Fraser.....	372.00
Merrill Trust Co.....	1.51
Harvey Brock.....	16.00
Knox Bros.....	19.65
Leslie Closson.....	35.00
Maynard Carr.....	18.40

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 462.56

## Mt. Hope Cemetery:

Trust Fund Income.....	66.90
Trust Funds Received.....	100.00

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 166.90

## Disbursements:

Mt. Hope Cemetery Assoc.....	66.90
Refunded Trust Fund.....	100.00

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 166.90

## Bowditch Cemetery:

Trust Fund Income.....	91.00
Cash Assets received from Bowditch Cemetery Assoc. ....	736.51
B. F. Pendleton Fund.....	241.21
Trust Fund Received.....	200.00

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 1,268.72

## Disbursements:

Ivory Fraser.....	135.00
Trust Fund Refunded.....	200.00
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	335.00

## Barney Hose Co.:

Trust Fund Income.....	75.00
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## Evergreen Cemetery:

Trust Fund Income.....	22.50
Annie Partridge Fund Income.....	400.53
Wesley Rich Fund Income.....	315.00
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	738.03

## Disbursements:

Harvey Brock.....	24.00
F. L. Perkins.....	12.50
J. A. Caswell.....	70.00
Robert Sawyer.....	457.87
Penobscot Savings Bank.....	52.00
Town of Searsport.....	.15
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	616.52

## Gordon Cemetery:

Trust Fund Income.....	114.19
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## Disbursements:

Gordon Cemetery Assoc.....	114.19
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## World War I and II School &amp; Gym Fund:

Income.....	27.50
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## Disbursements:

Penobscot Savings Bank. ....	27.50
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## Worthy Foor:

Trust Fund Income.....	503.69
Donation.....	25.00

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 528.69

Disbursements.....	614.70
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## Carver Memorial Library:

Trust Fund Income.....	177.75
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## Disbursements:

Carver Memorial Library Assoc. ....	291.01
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## Merrithew Cemetery

## Disbursements:

Knox Bros.....	1.25
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Total Income.....	5,055.67
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Total Disbursements.....	2,943.63
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Balance February 1, 1954.....	2,059.13
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Unexpended income & Trust Funds	2,112.04
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Balance January 31, 1955.....	4,171.17
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Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. ROBBINS

Treasurer



### REPORT OF SEXTON

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It is time for a frank appraisal of the condition of our cemeteries.

From time immemorial man has set aside sacred ground specifically designated as the place of final repose for the deceased members of his family and community and has erected monuments to serve not only as marks of identification, but, that he may perpetuate their will to be remembered, and that he may pay homage to past generations for his heritage.

In this practical age, we are prone to consider the future and to neglect the past. We forget that communities are molded from the combined efforts of past generations; that our spiritual, economic, and aesthetic edifices are the direct result of their efforts. From them we have inherited our fine community. To them we owe a great responsibility. The condition of our cemeteries is a direct gauge of the degree to which we have accepted this responsibility.

A survey of our cemeteries indicates an increasing lack of responsibility and a definite trend toward delegation of responsibility to a very few, resulting in a few well kept lots, a great many unkept lots and general disrepair of the cemeteries in general.

In this time of low investment yield, it is necessary that the care of our cemeteries become a community responsibility rather than one of a private nature. An appropriation is needed to be used for the general repair of the cemeteries. A neat and well kept cemetery not only reflects community pride, but it becomes a definite asset by contributing to the general aesthetic beauty of the community in general.

#### **Evergreen Cemetery**

Due to several large trust funds, this cemetery has adequate income to defray the expense of mowing, seeding, grading and general repair.

Plans have been made to replace a section of the fence each year until the old fence is completely replaced.

Also plans have been made to systematically clean all the monuments in the cemetery.

The work in this cemetery this past year has consisted mainly of mowing, seeding and some grading.

### **Merrithew Cemetery**

This cemetery has only one trust fund in the amount of fifty dollars.

Trees and bushes have reclaimed most of this old cemetery, which contains many valuable monuments and a tomb, to the extent that most of the original cemetery is no longer visible.

An appropriation should be made to restore this cemetery before the trees become so large that it will no longer be practical.

### **Village Cemetery**

This cemetery has adequate income to defray the expense of mowing and some seeding and grading. However, the general condition of this cemetery is bad. Many monuments are down; the fence is practically non-existent, and the trees need attention. Hurricanes Carol and Edna felled several large trees which damaged three monuments. Two of the monuments will be repaired by the lot owner. The third monument is beyond repair. The road giving access to the cemetery has been washed out twice by heavy rains, and the town workmen have cooperated very generously in repairing it each time.

Work in this cemetery has been limited to mowing, some seeding and grading, and general cleaning up and repairing. The fence on the south side of the cemetery has been temporarily repaired. Small growth around the boundaries has been removed, and the new section on the north side has been cleared so that future expansion will be less difficult and expensive.

There are no funds available for expansion at this time, but the present shortage of cemetery lots will demand that funds be made available for expansion sometime in the future.

### **Elmwood Cemetery**

The Elmwood Cemetery does not have adequate income to defray the cost of mowing. The deficit is made up by the assessment of lot owners. This year we have received a very good response to the assessment notices. However, over an extended period of time the response to assessment notices can not be expected to be as good due to the death of lot owners and separation of close family ties. The assessment form of income can not be considered a good source of future income.

The water service was not connected this year because of the greater expense of mowing due to the heavier than usual rainfall this year. It was felt that the expense of this convenience could better be used for further improvement of the cemetery in general.

Fourteen saleable lots have been developed along the west boundary of the cemetery and are to be sold only with trust funds. The income from these additional funds will help to alleviate the financial condition of this cemetery.

The fence around this cemetery is in bad condition, but the cost of replacement is prohibitive. It is hoped that some replacement and repair can be made in the future.

Plans were made to have the bushes cut along the road giving access to the cemetery, but hurricanes Carol and Edna kept the town workmen busy elsewhere, and they were not able to get this work done.

Many large and valuable monuments are in bad condition and are in danger of toppling. All lot owners are urged to inspect the monuments on their lots and to repair them in order to avoid a much greater expense should they topple over and damage other monuments.

**Bowditch Cemetery**

Due to an accumulation of unexpended income, there are adequate funds to maintain this cemetery for a while.

The trust fund income is not adequate to defray the expense of mowing, therefore it is necessary to use some of the accumulated reserve each year. Eventually this reserve will be used up and an appropriation will be necessary to maintain the cemetery.

There is no room for expansion, therefore, there is no possibility of increasing the income of this cemetery in the future.

“Show me the manner in which a nation or community cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.”

—Gladstone

Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. ROBBINS

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Committed May 3, 1954.....	112,292.86	
Supplemental Tax Jan. 26, 1955.....	297.80	
Total Commitment.....		112,590.66
Less:		
Abatements.....	291.92	
Transferred to Town Property.....	178.20	
		470.12
Balance of Commitment.....		112,120.54
Collected to Feb. 1, 1955.....	107,199.17	
Collected since Feb. 1, 1955.....	1,678.66	
		108,877.83
Total amount uncollected .....		3,242.71

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES

## YEAR 1954

Ames, Mabel.....	88.00
Ames, Richard.....	6.16
Ames, Alberta.....	52.80
Colcord, Nellie.....	56.32
Curtis, Walter & Lena.....	68.84
Closson, Ralph.....	27.28
Connors, Kenneth.....	4.40
Dakin, Arthur.....	30.80
DeSalvo, Albert & Pearl.....	79.20
Doliber, Kelly.....	14.08
Doliber, Fred, Jr.....	3.00
Dyer, Harold & Pauline.....	56.32



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Elwell, Clyde.....	67.68
Ellis, Austin.....	14.08
Fowler, S. Gilbert & Esther.....	172.48
Fraser, Kenneth.....	71.28
Grant, Ernest.....	52.80
Gross, Maurice & Una.....	30.80
Hamilton, Edwin J.....	7.40
Harriman, Roger.....	88.88
Howard, Carl.....	3.00
Hopkins, Clyde.....	4.40
Keenan, Harriett.....	.88
Keenan, Edgar.....	3.00
Kinstler, Clifford & Eloise.....	150.48
Koch, Carolyn, Devises.....	61.40
Koch, William J., Jr.....	8.80
Lord, Mary.....	136.00
Lamphier, Stanley.....	26.40
Lloyd, Gordon & Alice.....	26.40
Littlefield, Jason.....	10.92
MacKenzie, Earle & Winnifred.....	69.08
McLeod, Irving.....	79.20
Merrithew, Archie.....	6.52
Mason, Furtino & Daisy Furbush .....	81.40
Nickerson, Osman.....	3.00
Pease, Omar.....	28.16
Porter, Charles.....	4.40
Pease, Roland A.....	7.40
Palmer, Thornton.....	27.28
Rivers, Almon S. & Charlotte.....	79.20
Roberts, Lester A.....	13.20
Rogers, Charles A., Jr.....	37.40
Rogers, Charles A., Jr. & Ella.....	88.00
Robbins, Ellery.....	3.00
Robinson, Edward, Jr.....	4.40
Roberts, Millard.....	3.00
Raymond, Gerald & Sylvia M.....	52.80
Sambrook, Inez.....	62.48



Smart, Bernice.....	12.32
Seekins, Eugene N.....	25.00
Seekins, Percy L.....	61.60
Seekins, Ruth A.....	56.32
Smart, Percy.....	33.92
Smart, Ralph & Doris.....	40.00
Socea, George.....	3.00
Stanley, Catherine.....	12.65
Staples, Hattie.....	4.40
Sanborn, Ralph.....	3.00
Tozier, Charles E.....	26.40
Thompson, M. B.....	3.00
Thompson, Rethel & Irene .....	4.40
Thompson, Margaret P.....	190.08
Tracy, Harold & Roberta.....	35.20
Varney, George C.....	11.44
Washburn, George.....	26.40
Ward, Mark C., Heirs.....	72.60
Wardwell, George C.....	61.60
White, Philip.....	27.20
White, Fred.....	22.00
Wood, Maurice.....	4.40
Winslow, Earl.....	6.52
Young, Robert & Pauline.....	44.00

## NON-RESIDENTS

Eaton, Marcena.....	35.20
Harvey, Eva.....	8.80
Moody, Raymond & Gertrude .....	105.60
Nickerson, Robert S.....	32.56
Parkinson, Thomas.....	13.20
Wood, Paul L.....	80.10
Whitcomb, Thomas C.....	30.80

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## SUPPLEMENTAL TAX

Clements, Henry.....	74.80	
Total uncollected.....		3,242.71

## YEAR 1950

Clements, Henry.....	12.58	
Merithew, Benjamin.....	4.08	
Merithew, Archie.....	3.00	
Rivers, Almon S. & Charlotte.....	16.60	
Total uncollected.....		36.26

## YEAR 1951

Clements, Henry.....	7.95	
Hopkins, Clyde.....	4.95	
Merithew, Benjamin.....	3.96	
Sanborn, Ralph.....	3.00	
Varney, George.....	6.60	
Total uncollected.....		26.46

## YEAR 1952

Clements, Henry.....	3.00	
Hopkins, Clyde.....	4.95	
McLeod, Irving.....	4.62	
Merithew, Benjamin.....	3.96	
Merithew, Archie.....	3.00	
Rogers, Charles A. & Ella.....	63.76	
Rogers, Charles A.....	26.84	
Seekins, Eugene.....	9.50	
Thompson, Margaret.....	.66	
Varney, George.....	8.58	
Total uncollected.....		128.87

## YEAR 1953

Curtis, Myron.....	20.16
Doliber, Fred, Jr.....	3.00
Elwell, Clyde.....	13.44
Harriman, Roger.....	135.24
Howard, Carl.....	7.20
Hopkins, Clyde.....	8.40
Keenan, Edgar.....	3.00
MacKenzie, Earle & Winnifred.....	.84
McLeod, Irving.....	18.48
Merithew, Archie.....	3.00
Mason, Fortuno & Daisy Furbush.....	28.25
Thompson, Margaret.....	.84
Tozier, Charles.....	17.41
Varney, George.....	10.92
White, Philip.....	10.88

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Total uncollected.....	281.06
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Respectfully submitted,

RUBY D. WOOD

Tax Collector

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

## RECORD OF DEATHS

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February 19, 1954	Josey Beverly DuBose
February 24, 1954	Dennis Raymond Beckett
March 7, 1954	Margaret Ann Collins
March 10, 1954	Lewis Wilmouth Rich
March 29, 1954	William Henry Lovely
April 1, 1954	Jessie Victoria White
April 10, 1954	Angus MacDonald Holmes
April 27, 1954	Bertha Irene Engstrom
May 3, 1954	Harold Roscoe Moulton
May 5, 1954	Fred W. White
May 8, 1954	Alice Tuttle Shute
May 17, 1954	Dora May Ludwick
May 24, 1954	Melvin Sherburne Hutchins
June 23, 1954	Andrew Martin Crose
July 1, 1954	Perley O. Andrews
July 11, 1954	John Edward Grindle
July 19, 1954	Edward Welcome Gilkey
August 5, 1954	Bernice M. Morrow
August 7, 1954	Abbie Stone Pierce
August 21, 1954	Orilla Adelaide Curtis
August 22, 1954	Charles Porter
August 30, 1954	Ida Webber Gray
September 15, 1954	Jennie Evelyn Berry
September 18, 1954	Baby Boy Bull
September 22, 1954	Edwin Goule Young
September 30, 1954	Martha E. Redman
October 15, 1954	Alvah C. Treat
November 6, 1954	Margaret Waterhouse
November 8, 1954	Lettie W. Black
November 11, 1954	Andrew B. Palmer
November 20, 1954	William Paul Dodge
December 3, 1954	Raymond Judd

December 10, 1954	Alberta Louise White
December 22, 1954	Mae I. Nickerson
December 23, 1954	Inez Thelma Sambrook
December 25, 1954	Gerald Preston Hersey
December 31, 1954	Abbot Warren
January 8, 1955	Herman Myron Curtis
January 25, 1955	Charles Edward Gilmore
January 26, 1955	Ruby E. Innes
Marriages	25
Births	49
Stillbirths	3

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. FLETCHER

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### Superintending School Committee

Mrs. Helen Fletcher	Term expires March, 1955
Mr. Leoren Clements	Term expires March, 1956
Mr. David Stone	Term expires March, 1957
Chairman—Mrs. Helen Fletcher	

### To the school committee, parents and citizens:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following report for Searsport Public Schools:

### Enrollment

Grade	Building	Enrollment	Totals
Sub-Primary	Primary	30	
First		30	
Second		29	
Third		37	
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			134
Fourth	Grammar	32	
Fifth		35	
Sixth		35	
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			102
Seventh	High School	22	
Eighth		28	
Ninth		29	
Tenth		25	
Eleventh		14	
Twelfth		14	
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			132
Grand Total			368



The grand total of 368 shows an increase of 21 pupils over last year with an enrollment of 347. There are 9 more elementary pupils and 12 more secondary students than there were a year ago. It appears that the enrollment will increase at a greater rate in the years just ahead. Searsport's favorable location and new industries will inevitably bring more families to the town.

### Teacher Salaries and Teacher Supply

Following is the list of teacher salaries for the school year 1954-55:

#### Elementary Schools

Miss Butler.....	2,300.00
Mrs. Morgan.....	2,300.00
Mrs. Marshall.....	2,300.00
Mrs. Clements (Principal).....	2,400.00
Mrs. Hopkins.....	2,000.00
Mrs. Carter (Principal) .....	2,400.00
Mrs. Bowden.....	2,300.00
Mrs. Rivers.....	2,000.00
Mrs. Tripp.....	2,000.00

#### High School

Mr. Greene (Principal).....	3,500.00
Mrs. McCaslin.....	2,500.00
Mr. Tibbitts (Coach).....	3,000.00
Miss Strelkoff.....	2,400.00
Mr. Lewis (Music).....	963.00

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32,363.00

In the elementary schools the salaries listed are required as minimum salaries according to the state Minimum Wage Law. The law will automatically raise six of these teachers next year.

The Maine Teachers Association recently issued a pamphlet giving a comparative list of salaries for Maine towns. I have selected certain towns which may be compared with Searsport and following is this comparison: (The averages include all teachers and principals)

Number of Teachers	Town	Average Salary
12	Unity	2,772.00
16	Stonington	2,663.00
11	Vinalhaven	2,600.00
14	Hodgdon	2,528.00
14	Danforth	2,458.00
13	Searsport	2,415.00
13	Winterport	2,365.00
11	Millbridge	2,186.00

This table would seem to show that Searsport is not paying salaries as high as many towns which are no more able to pay.

The town is paying fairly well in the elementary schools, but high school salaries should be higher if we are to attract and keep strong teachers—teachers who are well-trained and able.

There is no doubt that the people of Searsport take pride in their high school and consciously and sincerely wish this school to rate high; therefore, the town should agree to higher salaries. This is especially important when your committee and superintendent have vacancies to fill and must compete with other towns for replacements. Obviously, towns that pay higher salaries secure the best candidates.

There is a growing shortage of high school teachers, especially in the fields of Science and English. Industry and business careers offer higher salaries and fewer young men and women are choosing teaching for a life's work.

Maine salaries continue to look small in comparison with those of other teachers in other states and in comparison with those of Maine engaged in other occupations, except agriculture.

Teaching is still not remunerative enough to attract an adequate number of qualified teachers to meet the increasing needs.

### Conveyance

There are three buses conveying school children and each bus makes more than one trip. Below is given bus trips with the number conveyed:

Name of Bus	Capacity	Trip	No. Conveyed
Brock	48	First	42
Brock	48	Second	22
Seekins	12	First	12
Seekins	12	Second	12
Seekins	12	Third	5
Seekins	12	Noon Trip	13
Town Bus	48	First	56
Town Bus	48	Second	64

Not counting the noon trip of Mr. Seekins, the total number conveyed is 213, or 58% of the total enrollment.

It will be noticed that the Town bus is now overcrowded; and enrollment forecasts would indicate that unless a larger bus is placed on this route, state law will compel the Town to act to improve the situation.

Your committee is proposing that the Town purchase a new 60 passenger bus for use next fall. This would be placed on the route of the present bus and the smaller bus would be used on the Brock run.

Figures issued by the state show that a town-operated bus costs less than a private contract bus—provided there is a combination of bus driver and janitor. Figures are given below to substantiate this statement for Searsport:

Town-owned for 36 weeks		Private bus-36 weeks	
Driver.....	900.00	Brock Bus .....	2,980.00
Gas and oil.....	500.00		
Insurance .....	140.00		
Repairs.....	100.00		
Depreciation.....	700.00		
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	2,340.00		

Repair expense will increase each year; but over a seven-year period there would be a saving of at least \$300.00 for each year. This, we believe, is a conservative statement.

### Finances

We are happy to report forwarding balances in each of the school accounts.

The school committee is requesting the following appropriations for the fiscal year 1955-1956:

Elementary Schools.....	29,500.00
Secondary School.....	15,500.00
General Account.....	2,500.00

The elementary school appropriation is the same as a year ago; and the higher amount for the high school is mostly for higher salaries.

Comparative appropriations for the last five years may be of interest:

Year	Elementary	Secondary	General	Total
1951	18,063.00	8,081.13	2,000.00	28,144.13
1952	20,600.00	8,200.00	2,500.00	31,300.00
1953	27,000.00	9,600.00	2,700.00	39,300.00
1954	29,500.00	13,700.00	3,000.00	46,200.00
1955 (req.)	29,500.00	15,500.00	2,500.00	47,500.00

We are including the items of the school maintenance account for your study and consideration: (Budget for 1955-56)

## BUDGET ESTIMATES 1955-1956

## Elementary Account

## Income:

Balance Feb., 1955.....	348.00
State Fund, Dec. 1955.....	9,000.00
Approp., Mar. 1955.....	29,500.00

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 38,848.00

## Expenditures:

Teachers.....	22,000.00
Fuel.....	2,000.00
Janitor & Cleaning.....	3,000.00
Conveyance.....	7,200.00
Tuition.....	290.00
Books.....	1,400.00
Supplies.....	1,200.00
Utilities.....	500.00
Supervision.....	800.00

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 38,390.00

## Secondary Account

## Income:

Balance, Feb. 1955.....	908.00
State Fund, Dec. 1955.....	3,000.00
Approp., Mar. 1955.....	15,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	200.00

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 19,608.00

## Expenditures:

Teachers.....	12,600.00
Fuel.....	1,400.00
Janitor & Cleaning.....	2,400.00
Conveyance.....	
Books.....	700.00



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Supplies.....	1,000.00	
Utilities.....	525.00	
Supervision.....	700.00	
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### General Account

#### Income:

Approp., Mar. 1955.....	2,500.00	
Bal. Feb. 1954.....	179.95	
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### Repairs

#### Primary Building:

Additional bookshelves have been made in two of the rooms.

#### Grammar Building:

An enclosure built to prevent falling in the stairwell

Railings placed along the stairs

Partition removed to enlarge the 6th grade room

Repairs to the roof

Installation of a new oil-burning furnace

Small room renovated for the teachers

Another drinking fountain on the second floor is being installed

#### High School Building:

The School District Trustees are in charge of repairs and improvements in the high school; and at present they are finishing the Industrial Arts room.



### **New Equipment**

#### **Primary Building:**

A new liquid duplicator

Teacher-parent effort has added new playground equipment  
20 new desks and chairs have been ordered

#### **Grammar Building:**

Teacher-parent effort has brought a new piano and new  
playground equipment to the school.

#### **High School Building:**

A new mimeograph machine

One new typewriter and table

### **Health**

#### **Milk Program:**

Federal appropriations by the former session of Congress have made possible a cheaper price for milk and Searsport children are benefiting from this program. The program is sponsored by the Lions Club and many more pupils than formerly are receiving milk during the school day.

#### **Fluoride Treatment:**

Last fall the fourth mouth health project involving fifteen days was held in Searsport schools. Following are quotations from the report of the State Dental Hygienist:

"A total of 115 children were seen during the program.—Of this group, 86 children began the series of four sodium fluoride treatments and all but one completed the series. We found 21 children with truly healthy mouths (about 18%) meaning mouths where no decay had occurred or where decay had been controlled, for the time being, by dentistry. This percentage is above average when compared to the state-wide average."

### Observations

We observe an active and enthusiastic Parent-Teachers Association; and we hope the plans for a Lunch Program will materialize.

A discussion before the P. T. A. resulted in changing the marking system in grades 4 through 8 from a general manner of marking to a system of numerical marking. It appeared that parents wished something more specific.

The demand for either Home Economics or Industrial Arts seems to be growing louder.

Your committee will ask for the inclusion of Driver Education in the high school next fall. General opinion throughout the state is that this training pays off in better driving among our young people.

Periodical Dancing Classes for the Grammar Grades have been enjoyed by pupils and teachers alike.

At least four of the elementary teachers studied last summer at the University of Maine, and thus continued their professional growth.

Waldo Pierce has added to the group of pictures in our schools.

When new equipment is purchased for your teachers, it is not forgotten in the storeroom—it is used effectively in educational effort.

May I conclude with a statement which I often make: it is most gratifying to be associated with the schools of a friendly town—a town that is making an earnest and cooperative effort to improve its schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD B. PIERCE

Supt. of Schools

## SEARSPORT SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

## FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955

## Elementary

## Receipts:

State Fund, December 1954.....	7,430.40
Appropriation, March 1954.....	29,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	232.81

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 37,163.21

## Expenditures:

Teachers.....	20,344.96
Fuel.....	1,566.14
Janitor & Cleaning.....	3,185.72
Conveyance.....	7,199.16
Tuition.....	145 00
Books.....	1,438.44
Supplies.....	1,304.16
Utilities.....	510.68
Supervision.....	888.43
Deficit, Feb. 1954.....	214.94

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 36,797.63

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 Balance carried forward..... 365.58

## Secondary

## Receipts:

Balance, Feb. 1954.....	252.45
State Fund, Dec. 1954.....	3,633.00
Appropriation, March 1954.....	13,700.00
Tuition.....	233 82
Miscellaneous.....	43.74

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 17,863.01

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## Expenditures:

Teachers.....	11,497.36	
Fuel.....	1,152.42	
Janitor & Cleaning.....	1,847.36	
Conveyance.....	14.84	
Books.....	704.24	
Supplies.....	863.45	
Utilities.....	474.87	
Supervision.....	400.00	
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		16,954.54
Balance carried forward.....		<hr/>
		908.47

## General Account

### Receipts:

Appropriation, March 1954.....	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous.....	158.76	
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		3,158.76

### Expenditures:

Repairs.....	513.82	
Equipment, Non-Instructional.....	481.32	
Equipment, Instructional.....	722.92	
Insurance.....	444.87	
Medical Inspection (Fluroide).....	150.00	
Office Rent.....	57.78	
Deficit, Feb. 1954.....	608.10	
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		2,978.81
Balance carried forward.....		<hr/>
		179.95

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

### To the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintending School Committee:

Last summer, the school received \$30 from the Searsport Jr. Extension Association, to be applied toward the purchase of blackout curtains. These would be used while moving-pictures are being shown. Steps are now being taken to secure these curtains.

I hope that the playground may be drained, leveled and seeded some time next summer. This can be done, I believe, without a large outlay of money or labor and would add much to the facilities of the school.

The enrollment has increased to 82 in the senior high school with the prospect of a still greater increase next year. The graduating class numbers 14 and the present 8th grade has an enrollment of 28.

Storage cabinets are now being built in the laboratory. This storage space has been badly needed and money for it was raised at the last annual town meeting.

The new steel fire proof filing cabinet in the office has proved to be both useful and practical. It serves as a storage for the visible card index system now in use for the permanent record forms, as well as a place for filing letters, and other school records.

The purchase of the new mimeograph machine is also appreciated, as it results in clearer copies as well as being a cleaner machine to operate.

The curriculum remains unchanged from last year. Miss Strelkoff has been working with other English teachers from this area in an effort to establish a more satisfactory course in English instruction. This is an attempt to have all high school English classes in this part of the state, at least, follow along the same lines.

It is gratifying to know that the trustees of the Searsport School District are making plans to finish the interior of the shop room. When this is done, it will make the room available for other purposes although it may not be used as a shop.

The school has participated in the usual interscholastic activities, with reasonable success. The girls basketball team this winter has been especially successful, finishing second in the league standing. The boys' team is taking part in the regional tournament at the Rollerdrome this month.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE

Principal



### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

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It is with a feeling of great satisfaction that I undertake the writing of the Annual Report for the town of Searsport.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Local Health Committee, the Physician, the Town and School Officials. Through them and their desire to give health service to the community, I have constantly been stimulated and encouraged to help them develop an adequate Health Program for your community.

Through a series of 5 Child Health Conferences, 60 infant and pre-school children made a total of 142 visits to the Conferences. Home visiting service has continued, a total of 156 visits having been made.

Through our special clinic services and other facilities it has been possible to secure service for handicapped children, people with defective vision, children with a cardiac condition, individuals with tuberculosis and their contacts.

Many of the citizens participated in the community X-ray Survey held in Belfast in the spring.

When a community is as interested in its health problems as yours is, there seems to be no limit to the types of services that can be rendered. Your Local Health Council is untiring in their interest and effort to make your town a better place in which to live.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the people of Searsport who have made the Health Program such a success this past year. I am looking forward, with great anticipation to another stimulating and successful year in your community in 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA CREAMER  
Public Health Nurse

# TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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## CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

### Receipts

Balance January 31, 1954 .....	426.34	
Merrill Trust Co., dividends.....	17.50	
C. D. Ehret for purchase of books .....	10.00	
Town of Searsport annual approp.....	400.00	
Town of Searsport, State allowance for books.....	40.00	
Interest from invested funds.....	233.01	
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Total receipts.....		1,126.85

### Expenditures

Central Maine Power Co., light .....	67.01	
Consumers Fuel Co., 6 tons coal.....	162.81	
Elsie H. Gilkey, Librarian.....	273.00	
George Campbell, Janitor.....	195.00	
Mary D. Campbell, Asst. Librarian....	19.95	
Jacqueline Whiting, Asst. Librarian....	19.95	
Searsport Hardware Co., supplies.....	3.63	
Alfred Ashey, trucking books .....	3.00	
Alfred Ashey, 1 cord slab wood.....	10.00	
Alfred Ashey, hauling ashes.....	7.00	
C. G. Carley, furnace repairs.....	7.45	
H. M. Clements, repair of bulkhead stairs.....	19.44	
Eastern News Co., books.....	18.37	
The Personal Book Shop, books.....	21.33	
H. P. Roby, 1 cord wood.....	18.00	
Eugene F. Otis, cutting hay .....	15.75	
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Total expenditures.....		861.69
Balance January 31, 1955.....	265.16	

## BOOK FUNDS

Balance in Funds Jan. 31, 1954 .....	48.98	
Interest from funds.....	100.00	
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Total receipts.....		148.98
Paid for books.....		34.16
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Balance Jan. 31, 1955.....		114.82

## ELLA A. H. SWEETSER MAGAZINE FUND

Balance January 31, 1954.....	41.73	
Interest from fund.....	52.00	
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Total receipts.....		93.73
Magazine subscriptions.....		29.50
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Balance January 31, 1955.....		64.23

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN

Treasurer

## REPORT OF SEARSPORT WATER DISTRICT

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The Trustees of the Searsport Water District submit this the seventh annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954.

The Searsport Water District was organized in 1948 and bonded for \$130,000.00 at 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  percent. The District has redeemed bonds to the amount of \$7,000.00 as of Dec. 31, 1954 and the Trustees have voted to use the Sinking Fund with which to redeem three more of the bonds on March 1, 1955.

### Receipts

On hand Jan. 1, 1954 .....	3,443.97	
Sinking Fund.....	2,000.00	
Cash received for 1954.....	22,320.71	
Total.....		27,764.68

### Expenditures

Stockton Springs Water Co.....	5,018.97
Maintenance to Mains, Services, Hydrants.....	2,149.73
Salaries.....	3,150.00
Interest.....	4,127.50
Bond redemption.....	5,200.00
Sinking Fund.....	3,000.00
Purification.....	59.80
Rent.....	108.29
Taxes, sales and others.....	238.90

General expenses.....	431.03	
Insurance.....	85.00	
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Total.....		23,569.22
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1954.....		4,195.46

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN  
C. SUMNER SMALL  
JOSHUA W. CURTIS

Trustees

REPORT OF SEARSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES

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Because of the wisdom of the citizens of Searsport in authorizing the expansion of their educational facilities in 1951 by the addition of the new high school, our young people are today meeting in uncrowded classrooms and profiting by the benefits which these physical improvements bring. With an immediate increase in population facing Searsport, her citizens can look with pride and confidence on their foresight in providing adequate facilities for the education of their children.

The Trustees of the Searsport School District have met regularly during 1954 to carry out the duties of their office. Payments on principal and semi-annual payments of interest have been made on our promissory note. A contract has been let for the finishing of cabinet work in the laboratory. and for the complete finishing of all carpentry work in the shoproom. Necessary maintainance and equipment for the care of the building has been provided.

Due to pressure of other duties Mr. Karl Sawyer found it necessary to resign as chairman of the board. However, we are glad that he consented to remain as a member. Mr. P. C. O'Donnell was elected and is now serving as chairman of the board of trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARMON TYMESON

Secretary-Treasurer

Trustees:

P. C. O'DONNELL, Chairman  
CYNTHIA CRAMM  
CHARLES K. SAWYER  
DAVID STONE  
J. H. TYMESON



### MOSMAN MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION

Mosman Memorial Park is maintained for the use and recreation of all residents of Searsport. Come out and use these facilities.

With the addition of the steps and platform it is much easier to reach the improved beach and adults, with children bathers, have a very good place to sit and observe the bathers.

The acquisition of a power mower last year, enables us to keep a more neat Park and should encourage more picnic parties. If use of the house is desired, the key may be obtained from the Searsport Drug Store with no charge. Clean up when you leave.

Baseball should be quite a drawing card this year and the youngsters are urged to turn out for the Junior League Games.

Turn out and use the Park and

KEEP YOUR PARK CLEAN

M. MILTON POTTER

President

WARRANT

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**To Alfred Ashey, Constable of the Town of Searsport, in the  
County of Waldo** **Greeting:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Searsport, in said County qualified to vote by law in Town, on Monday the 14th day of March, A. D. 1955, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the Annual Report of the municipal officers as printed.
- Art. 4. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the various Town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose and elect Town officers for the ensuing year and how many, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, a member of the School Board, Road Commissioners, Constables, Surveyors of Spars and Timber, Fence Viewers, Sealers of Leather, Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves, and Fire Ward.
- Art. 6. To elect a Tax Collector.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose or lease any real estate acquired by the Town by virtue of foreclosed tax liens thereon, on such terms as they may

deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property, or act anything thereon.

- Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the schools.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$45,000.00
- Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs, insurance, truancy and equipment for the schools.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$2,500.00
- Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Carver Memorial Library.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$500.00
- Art. 11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government and Incidentals.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$8,000.00
- Art. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$5,000.00
- Art. 13. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of the hydrants.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$2,650.00
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to maintain the present Fire Department and to make such changes, as may, in their opinion, become necessary.

- Art. 15. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repair of the Town roads and how much to allow for labor.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$7,000.00
- Art. 16. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on improved and town roads, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$400.00
- Art. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for winter breaking and snow removal.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$500.00
- Art. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$2,000.00
- Art. 19. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for sewer repairs and maintenance or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$700.00
- Art. 20. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the decoration of soldiers' graves and the care of the Monument Lot, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$100.00
- Art. 21. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$1,400.00
- Art. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for sidewalk repairs and maintenance, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$100.00

- Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for Public Health Nursing in Searsport; said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local services, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$100.00
- Art. 24. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Union Hall, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$1,500.00
- Art. 25. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$1,000.00
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow, as temporary loan or loans, to and for the use of the Town of Searsport, in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, sums of money in the aggregate not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00); and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the negotiable bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable within the said municipal year from moneys raised by taxation therein and upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen of said Town, in accordance with provisions of R. S. Maine, Sections 83, Chapter 5 as amended, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 27. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages, and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of Maine, or act anything thereon.



- Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 44 and 49, Chapter 23, R. S. 1954, as amended.

Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$3,192.00

- Art. 29. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to add to the World War I and II Memorial Gymnasium Capital Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$2,000.00

- Art. 30. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to be used for Civil Defense, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$500.00

- Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a Community Christmas tree, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$60.00

- Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to employ a policeman for the ensuing year and how much money it will raise and appropriate for his salary, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$3,000.00

- Art. 33. To see if this town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 to be used to retire \$4,000.00 of the bond issue and to pay the interest on the same, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$4,200.00

- Art. 34. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for material on Town Road Improvement work, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$400.00



- Art. 35. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Security, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$400.00
- Art. 36. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for liability insurance for its employees or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$275.00
- Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of white pine blister rust, in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 32, Section 54, or act anything thereon.  
No Recommendation
- Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) to help defray the cost of liability insurance at Mosman Park, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$35.00
- Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Beals lot, where Parker Beals and Theodate Beals Black are buried in the Village Cemetery.
- Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Joshua W. Black lot, in the Village Cemetery.

- Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) from Mrs. Frances M. Griffin, to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Warren A. Griffin lot, in the Bowditch Cemetery.
- Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light installed on Church Street, between the Congregational Vestry and the Captain's house, as called or act anything thereon.
- Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) from Harold A. Dyer, to be held in trust and the income to be used toward the perpetual care of the Harold A. Dyer lot in the Elmwood Cemetery.
- Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) from Ethel Innes, to be held in trust and the interest to be used toward the perpetual care of the John and Ethel Innes lots in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. The income from \$200 of it to be used toward the care of the lot and the income from \$100 to be used toward the care of the stone on said lot.
- Art. 45. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and maintain the fences and the roads at the Village, Merithew, Elmwood and Bowditch Cemeteries or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$1,000.00
- Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Village Cemetery Association, the Bowditch Cemetery Association, and the Elmwood Cemetery Association, the assets belonging to each of the associations, at the time it surrendered its charter, or act anything thereon.

- Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the superintending school committee to purchase a new school bus, at a cost not to exceed five-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$5,500.00).
- Art. 48. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of a new school bus or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$3,000.00  
Balance up to \$2,500.00 taken from surplus
- Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tarring of Union Street from Mortland Road to the residence of Albert Nichols or act anything thereon.
- Art. 50. To see if the Town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to proceed with the installation of a course of driver training education in the high school and how much money it will raise and appropriate for same or act anything thereof.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$600.00
- Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$300.00 for material to be used in the rebuilding of the Town Wharf, so called, or act anything thereon.  
Recommendation of Budget Committee—\$300.00
- Art. 52. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to have a street light installed at the town parking lot on Mt. Ephriam Road, so called, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to employ a Town Manager under the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 16 through 19 of the Revised Statutes 1954, and to instruct the Selectmen to take the necessary steps thereto, this vote to take effect on—————or act anything thereon.

- Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Town Manager or vote to delegate to the Selectmen the right to fix the compensation of the Town Manager or act anything thereon.
- Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the construction of fixtures in the shop and laboratory at the high school, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 56. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take the necessary steps to rebuild the Smart Bridge at Piper's Brook, so called, according to the provisions of the bridge act, Chapter 23, Section 108 to 116 of the R. S. 1954, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 57. To see how much money the Town will raise or appropriate for rebuilding the Smart Bridge at Piper's Brook, so called, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 58. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to proceed under Chapter 100, Section 96, R. S. 1954, to draw up an ordinance relative to the appointment of an Electrical Inspector, or act anything thereon.

Given under our hands at Searsport, February, A. D. 1955.

VICTOR N. GREENE  
CLAIR S. SHUTE  
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Selectmen of Searsport

















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